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# Thirty-three Baptist State Conventions Seldom Short On Energy

by W. C. Fields

The annual Baptist state convention meetings are a combination of revival, corporate stockholders meeting, pep rally, inquest, fraternity clambake, and family homecoming. Together they outweigh even the mammoth national gathering of the Southern Baptist Convention each June. In many ways they are the most important organizational meetings of the Baptist year.

The 33 Southern Baptist state bodies are prodigies of activity. They are centers of perpetual ecclesiastical motion and the most important energy generators that have yet been created by 34,665 Southern Baptist churches.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas looms largest in the book of

numbers. The Alaska Baptist Convention covers the most territory. The South Carolina Baptist Convention is the oldest (153 years). The Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey and the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, at three years of age, are the youngest.

**Each Has Style**

Each has a mood and style all its own.

The Alaska convention meets in August, to get ahead of the freeze-up. Five conventions meet the last days of October — Missouri, New York, Ohio, Texas, and Pennsylvania-South Jersey.

Hawaii, Illinois, and North Carolina meet the first week in November. Twenty-two state groups meet the second week in November. That is enough concentrated activity in one week to set off the seismographs all around the earthquake belt.

The Alabama, Arkansas, and Florida conventions close out the Baptist show — and — tell season the third week in November.

One piece of business that is on all agendas this fall is the 50th anniversary in 1975 of the Cooperative Program, the remarkable plan of financial support through which they all work together in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptist State Conventions existed nearly a quarter of a century before the organization of the SBC in 1845.

The South Carolina convention was established in 1821. Georgia came along next in June, 1822. Alabama and Virginia followed in 1823.

**Unmatched Growth**

The 1830's were a decade unmatched in growth of new conven-

tions. Five new state conventions appeared in this decade. The Missouri and North Carolina conventions were established in 1830, Maryland and Mississippi in 1836, and Kentucky in 1837.

Since 1940, 14 state units affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention have been organized. The 33 state or regional conventions now cover and have cooperating churches in all 50 states. With 12.3 million church members, they make up the nation's largest Protestant — evangelical denomination.

A major factor in keeping these state organizations dynamic is 'autonomy, their freedom and flexibility to adapt to their own unique conditions and to move out at their own pace.

Their future? The meetings this fall will give a clue. But growth continues to be a major emphasis — in evangelism, missions, and education with emphasis on lay involvement. Budget goals up for convention action this fall will be higher than ever, but inflation is expected to keep a lid on much desirable program expansion.

In the South and Southeast there are Baptist churches all over the place. A year ago Texas reported 3,853 churches with membership now over two million. North Carolina reported 3,451 churches and Georgia had 2,928 churches, with each state having a little over one million Southern Baptists. Twenty-five states, however, have less than 75 SBC churches each.

The best record in baptisms per capita is in the newer areas for Southern Baptist work. Total SBC baptisms last year were 413,990.

Texas has the most church property (\$750 million), followed by North Carolina (\$489 million) and Georgia (\$463 million). Total church property in the SBC a year ago was \$5,022,607,547.

These three states also led in total church offerings last year: \$184 million in Texas, \$107 million in North Carolina and \$97 million in Georgia. The SBC total for the same period was \$1,136,238,734.

**Florida Leads**

Florida leads all the state conventions with 46.2 per cent of its Cooperative Program receipts going to Southern Baptist Convention causes. Georgia is second with 43.9 per cent and Maryland is third with 38.5 per cent. The average for 33 state conventions is 33.6 per cent.

Oklahoma was the first state convention to be organized in 1837.

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## Dates For Graham Crusade May 9-18

May 9-18, 1975 will be the definite dates for the Mississippi Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade, to be held in the Mississippi Memorial Stadium, Jackson.

James E. Carr, Jackson, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Steering Committee for the Crusade, made the announcement at a meeting of the committee held Oct 11 in Jackson.

The Graham Crusade was first announced on Aug. 16 at which time it was revealed that it would be held in May of next year with the definite dates to be released later.

Other developments in plans for the Crusade were also announced by Mr. Carr, including the leasing of an office to be used as Crusade headquarters.

The office is located on the second floor of the American Public Life Insurance Company at 480 Woodrow Wilson.

The address of the Crusade headquarters will be Mississippi Billy Graham Crusade, P. O. Box 2398, Jackson, MS 39205.

The Crusade Steering Committee was elected by the original "ad hoc" Billy Graham Crusade Committee at the Oct. 11 meeting, Mr. Carr said.

He added that this committee had been at work quietly for about three years and was largely responsible for bringing the Graham team to Jackson, although scores of other Mississippians joined in the invitation for the team to come.

An eight-member Administrative Committee has been elected from the larger 28-member Steering Committee, which is composed of representatives from various Christian groups and organizations in the Jackson area. Officers of the Administrative Committee, all from Jackson, are as follows:

man, Dr. David Grant, Rev. Sam ratson, Rev. David McIntosh, each a vice-chairman; Dr. Joe Odle, secretary; Herman Pride, treasurer, and Mrs. Fred Ezelle, member at large.

Joe Jack Hurst, of Jackson was named as attorney; and Frank

### Love Lost In Printer's Error

NASHVILLE (BP)—A lot of love was lost when the printer dropped eight words from the manuscript of the Oct. 17 session in "Baptist Adults," a quarterly for Training Union.

A sentence on page 20 of the periodical, published by the Sunday School Board, was supposed to read: "It is not always necessary to have complete agreement, but it is necessary to have love and respect for one another."

The printer left out eight words, making the sentence read: "It is not always necessary to have love and respect for one another." The resulting thought has to be disturbing to those who take seriously the teaching of Christ to "love one another," a Sunday School Board spokesman said.

"This quarterly," said Philip B. Harris, secretary of the board's Church Training Department, "is one which is not seen from the time the manuscript leaves our hands until the finished product is delivered.

The printing process, we expect errors wherever human efforts are involved, but we hope they will be minimized, and that future changes in meaning will not be as significant as this one."

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## Mississippi Baptist Convention's 139th Session To Be Nov. 12-14, First, Jackson

The one hundred thirty-ninth session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be held Nov. 12-14, according to Rev. Oliver Ladnier, of Magee, chairman of the convention's committee on order of business.

Dr. David Grant, of Jackson, president, is expected to be in the chair when the convention begins Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in Jackson's First Baptist Church.

This year's convention will have many of the usual features of past years as well as several new high-

lights, with the theme of the session to be "The Living Church."

Featured out-of-state inspirational speakers will be Dr. Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Texas, president of Women's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Grady Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, and A. Rudolph Fagan, executive secretary-treasurer, Stewardship Commission, Nashville.

The opening Tuesday morning session is always a convention highlight as it includes both the president's keynote address and the convention sermon, which will be delivered this year by Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention Board, will be the inspirational speaker for the Tuesday evening session, always a convention highlight.

This session will also include a film feature, "Rope of Sand," a presentation to Dr. Kelly by the American Bible Society and the appearance of a new singing group, the Mississippi Singing Women, who will be joined in special music by the Mississippi Singing Churchmen.

They will be directed by Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department, who will also be music coordinator for the convention.



Fagan Rogers Mathis Cothen

## Southern Baptists' Record Of Giving

by James Lee Young

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptists are attempting to raise their batting average in giving to missions and other needs within the denomination.

October 1974 saw the culmination of a three-year push in educating church members concerning the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program. Stress for October, designated Cooperative Program Month across the convention, was laid on commitment to an increase of support by churches. "Operation One," as the emphasis was billed, called on churches to increase Cooperative Program giving by at least one percent.

Some churches give up to 50 percent of their income for Baptist state and SBC-wide causes, but the average is around 10 percent.

The year 1975 - 76 marks the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, a system devised in 1925 for a joint effort in funding mission and other worthy causes among Southern Baptists.

The Foreign Mission Board normally receives as much as 50 percent of these undesignated monies distributed to national agencies the convention, with the Home Mission Board receiving 18.75 per cent according to the latest figures.

**First Total**

The first total recorded gifts churches was in 1885 and amounted to \$1,513,640. Membership then was 1,013,100. Per capita giving for the year was \$1.49.

By 1925, when the Cooperative Program was born at a meeting in Memphis, Tenn., convention membership had doubled. That year Southern Baptists gave \$4,128,188 (national and state) Cooperative Program gifts for a per capita figure of \$1.17. Membership was 3,633,000 in 1925 and total gifts for causes for the year were \$39,627, for a per capita total gifts figure of \$10.66.

In 1928 the per capita figure for the Cooperative Program went down six cents, with the Cooperative Program total for '28 dropping \$24,504, yet total gifts were up — \$301,000.

All figures dropped steadily from 1929 until in 1933 the Cooperative Program total hit a low of \$1,903,615 and a per capita figure of 46 cents. Total gifts for that year were low also — \$23,289,361 and a per capita amount of \$5.58.

The '30s, however, were a depression era and dollars and cents values have changed drastically across the years.

In 1933, for example, personal income per household in the United States was \$2,550 while in 1950 it was \$3,780. Per capita income in the nation in 1933 was \$700 contrast-

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years on Thursday night at the Mississippi Coliseum, this year will be conducted Monday night, Dec. 30 in the Coliseum.

The various phases of the work of the State Convention will be presented this year in four different panel presentations, with the following pastors to serve as moderators:

Rev. Bill Duncan, Piquette; Rev. Carey Cox is executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. Dan Hall is director of the Church Music Department.

Bible study periods will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, at 8:30 a.m. and at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, and at 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

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## Stagg, Kelly To Lead Bible Study, Worship At Second Pastor's Conference

Dr. Frank Stagg, a faculty member at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be directing the Bible study at the second annual Mississippi Baptist Pastor's Retreat, to be held next week, according to announcement by John Alexander, Director of the Stewardship Department of the Mississippi Convention Board.

The retreat will be October 28-30 at Camp Garaywa, near Clinton.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the board, will be leading worship periods.

The retreat will be sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, the Stewardship Department, and the Church Music Department. Mr. Alexander, has pointed out that no more room reservations are available, but pastors may drive in to the sessions. Registration begins at 10:30 on Monday morning and sessions continue until 9:15 that evening when refreshments will be served.

The retreat program will begin with a worship period at 11 a.m.

On Tuesday and Wednesday breakfast will be served at 7 a.m., and the sessions will get under way at 8 a.m. The Tuesday evening worship period will begin at 7:45 p.m. Lunch will be at 12 noon and supper at 5:30 p.m. The retreat will close at 12 noon on Wednesday following a worship period.

There will be no cost involved for those who attend.

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### Student Center Dedication

Dr. Harold T. Bryson, left, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and pastor of First Baptist Church, Carthage, delivered the message at the dedication of the Baptist Student Center at the University of Mississippi this week. Other program personalities are, second from left to right, Mr. Edward S. Rollins, department manager for National Student Ministries, Nashville; Mrs. Mary Libby Payne, a graduate of the University of Mississippi, now assistant attorney general for the State of Mississippi; and Miss Marian Leavell, BSU director at the university from 1931 until her retirement in 1967. They are standing on the porch of the center. (Other photos on Page 2.)

### ROYAL AMBASSADOR WEEK

#### November 3-9, 1974

November 3-9 is Royal Ambassador Week in Southern Baptist churches. During the week, 237,000 boys and leaders in 15,000 churches will be recognized for their involvement in the weekday program of mission education. Through Royal Ambassadors boys study missions, minister to others through mission action projects, support missions through praying and giving, and develop meaningful relationships with others. (Brotherhood Commission art)





IC-BAPTIST LIAISON — Will Steinbacher (r), Deep South Regional for Glenmary Missionaries in Cincinnati discusses his work as liaison Catholics and Baptists with two Baptist ministers, Eugene Briscoe, student secretary for Georgia Baptist Convention and Willard Brown, Macedonia Baptist Church in Newnan, Ga., look at map of Christings in the U.S. with Steinbacher. Glenmary is a Roman Catholic about 110 priests dedicated to ministering in town and country churches in South, especially in Appalachia. — (BP photo by Jack U. Harwell)

Says:

## Southern Baptist-Catholic Understanding Maturing

IAN, Ga. (BP) — Will Steinbacher, first exposure, last June in the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting was "kind of a shock," the personable Catholic priest recalls.

"I people saw me pass by in the collar and black suit, they gave a second look — just as I walked at a stranger," he says chuckle. "I knew I was in the

...describes as "bigger-than-life" new to him but not to a priest, which has conducted a liaison between Southern Baptist and Catholics for about seven

teacher, working out of Newnan, as deep south regional for the Cincinnati-based order, follows two other missionaries, Frank Ruff and Berson, who pioneered the effort to create understanding and dialogue between the two large denomi-

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between them," Steinbacher interviews with Baptist Press

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## Twin Meetings Set For Associational Officers, Leaders

Twin Baptist meetings of associational superintendents of missions, moderators, missions committee chairmen have been set for Oct. 31-Nov. 1, according to Dr. For Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

The first meeting (for north Mississippi), will be held Oct. 31 at First Baptist Church, Winona, with the second, (for south Mississippi), set for Wm. Carey College, Hattiesburg, Nov. 1.

The two visiting program personalities will be Rev. Ed Onley, director of Community Week-day Ministries, Oklahoma City, and Rev. Otha Winningham, superintendent of missions of the Keystone Association in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

The time for each meeting will be 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In those associations that do not have a superintendent of missions, Dr. Rogers said that "we anticipate the moderator bringing the missions committee chairman and vice-moderator, if he wants to come."

## Pastors' Conference

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Subjects scheduled for discussion and the speakers are as follows:

Suggestions for Increasing Sunday Evening Attendance, J. B. Fowler Jr., First Baptist Church, McComb.

What a Pastor Owes His Family, Dr. John McCall, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg.

Helping Church Members Caught Up in the Tongues Movement, Brooks Wester, First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

The Fine Art of Drawing the Net, Dr. David Grant, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson.

Suggestions for Increasing Prayer Meeting Attendance, W. T. Baddley, First Baptist Church, Brandon.

Building Staff Relationships, Frank Gunn, First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

Dealing with Staff Problems, Frank Pollard, First Baptist Church, Jackson.

The Pastor's Personal Devotional Life, Wester.

The Techniques of Outlining Sermons, Hardy Denham, First Baptist Church, Newton.

The Pastor as Administrator, Al Finch, Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson.

The Importance of Planning, Bill Duncan, First Baptist Church, Pica-yune.

Choosing Church Leaders, Kermit McGregor, Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

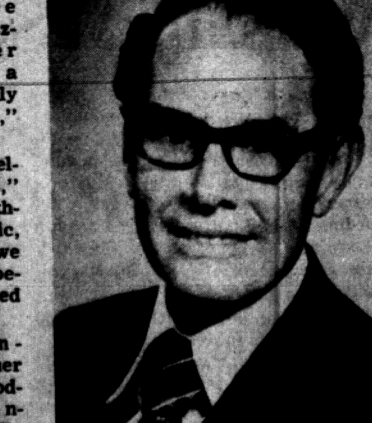
Strengthening the Pastor-Deacon Relationship, Dr. Marklyn Hubbell, First Baptist Church, Cleveland.

Mission Sermon Outlines, Dr. Harold Bryson, First Baptist Church, Carthage.

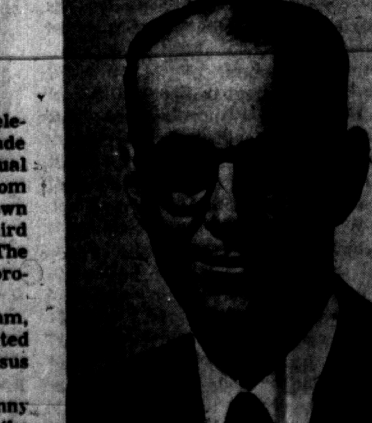
Evaluating a Prospective Church, Joel Haire, First Baptist Church, West Point.

The Techniques of Sermon Delivery, Denham.

Conferences on music in the volunteer church and in the staff church will be led on Wednesday afternoon beginning at 4 p.m.



Earl Kelly



Frank Staggs

## Baptist Missionary Refutes Attack On Honduran Officials

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras (BP) — A Southern Baptist medical missionary here has refuted accusations made to the press by an American physician that the Honduran government has confiscated and misappropriated food, clothing, and medical supplies flown here for hungry and sick villagers.

"Our experience has been exactly the opposite," said Dr. W. David Harms, Baptist missionary physician who has been coordinating the Honduran relief efforts of the medical assistance program. "The Honduran government and the Honduran military have been very helpful in allowing us to get all our medicines and goods."

Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in Honduras said they "were alarmed and distressed" by wire service news reports of an interview with Dr. Edward Austin of Coca, Fla., who had spent two weeks on a relief mission to the flood-ravaged Central American country.

Austin reportedly stated to reporters that he had been told that the government was confiscating relief supplies for its use and planning to sell them on the black market "at the price of gold." Baptist missionaries called such accusations "false and unfounded."

"The release of the article," Harms said, "is tragic because it hurts so many people in such great need by undermining our support base — the United States."

"Government channels not only have been adequate but very good," Harms continued. "The Honduran government and army have been the organized groups that have been able to furnish warehouse space and provide a distribution system. I have seen no case of misappropriation or misuse of supplies, especially of medicine, and I've been right on top of the medicines. Food and supplies are being distributed properly."

Citing one example of the cooperation he had seen on the part of the Honduran military, Harms told of an international aircraft, loaded with supplies, that landed in San Pedro Sula at 2 a.m., just as the airport was closing. Neither Harms nor his colleagues were there to meet their shipment.

## Miss. Baptist Conv.

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Frank Gunn, Biloxi; Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg, and Rev. Joel Haire, West Point.

Bible study will be directed by five state leaders. They are: Dr. Phillips McCarty, Clinton; Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton; Rev. James Yates, Yazoo City; Dr. John Traylor, Gulfport; Rev. G. Barry Landrum, Greenville; and Dr. Raymond Lloyd, Starkville.

Those attending will be given an opportunity to give their favorite Scripture quotations.

Special music this year will be rendered by choirs and other special music groups and individuals from the churches.

Among the special music features to be presented this year for the first time will be a "handbell solo."

Another highlight will be the "Signing the Declaration of Cooperation by Heads of Boards, Agencies, Institutions and Foundation."

A "Convention Overview Presentation" will be given by Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of the State Baptist WMU and Rev. John Alexander, director of the Stewardship Department of the Convention Board.

Dr. Grant, who is also chairman of the statewide "Restore Gulfshore" campaign, will report to the convention.

Dr. Grant will be assisted in presiding over the convention by Rev. James Richardson, Leland, first vice-president, and Dr. Harold T. Bryson, Carthage, second vice-president.

Horace Kerr, Jackson, is recording secretary, with Claude Anthony, also Jackson, associate recording secretary.

Convention organist will be Mrs. Bobbie Smith, of the host church, with the pianist to be Mrs. Diane Smith, of Sallito. Assistant organist will be Mrs. Josephine Bryan of Jackson.

Other members of the order of business committee are: Rev. Tom Puckett; Dr. Harold T. Kitting, Kosciusko; Dr. Bob Ramsay, Sisco, and Rev. Benton Preston, Jackson.

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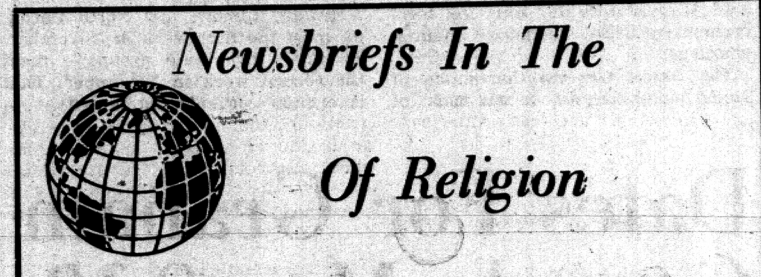
ge your church to make use of personal touch with foreign missions — November 1 - December 31, 1974.

"The medicines that arrived for us were consigned erroneously to another international relief organization," Harms explained. "Intervening in our behalf, the Honduran military held our goods until the next morning when we could come."

"They have assisted in the loading and unloading of our supplies and held them in their warehouse until they could turn them over to us. That's been our personal experience over a prolonged period of time dealing with large amounts of medical supplies."

Harms also announced that the Baptist Convention of Honduras has been recognized as a relief channel by a national disaster committee that is coordinating all of the country's relief efforts.

"I think Southern Baptists can count on an open channel for sending goods into Honduras that will be properly utilized," Harms concluded. "We have the opportunity for increased checks and balances and the opportunity to distribute supplies much better than perhaps even the government channels."



SILVER SPRING, Md. — Americans United for Separation of Church and State has established May 2 - 8, 1976, as National Religious Freedom Week across the nation. Materials are available from Americans United at 8120 Fenton St., Silver Spring, Md. 20910.

RALEIGH, N. C. — The North Carolina Civil Liberties Union has announced that court action will be instituted against the state for refusing to remove the "motorist's Prayer" from the back of official North Carolina highway maps.

VATICAN CITY — The 209 members of the fourth world Synod of Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church have divided into language groups to deal with themes relating to "Evangelization in the Modern World." One major topic is "Lapsed Catholics."

WARSAW, Poland — The executive committee of the United Bible Societies has approved a world service budget of \$10.9 million for 1975.

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — Religious leaders in Kanawha County, where English textbooks are being protested as being anti-Christian and anti-American, are trying to find solutions to the turmoil. Meanwhile, a Church of God minister is being held in jail on a charge of demonstrating in violation of a court order, and phone calls bring threats of blowing up the jail unless he is released.



Student Center Dedication

Rev. Ralph B. Winders, left, state director of Baptist Student work, presided over the program during the dedication of the Baptist Student Center at the University of Mississippi. Others on the program were, second from left to right, Rev. Ron Boswell, BSU director at the university; Dr. Franklin E. Moak, dean of the Division of Student Personnel at the university; and Clay Moore, BSU president at Ole Miss. They are shown in the parlor of the center. (Other photo on Page 1.)



Students relaxed in the porch swing at the University of Mississippi Baptist Student Center following the dedication service. Left to right are John Maxwell, Debbie Grisham, and June Cochran.



Mrs. Russell Aven, center, of Oxford serves punch and cookies during open house following the dedication of the Baptist Student Center at the University of Mississippi. At left is Louie Farmer, BSU director at Mississippi Southern University at Hattiesburg, and at right is Miss Diane McGregor, a student at the university. Mrs. Russell's husband is professor of chemical engineering at the university.

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vention added the Twentieth Century in 1906. Illinois

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## Convention President Speaks

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sippi Baptists and am delighted for  
you among us. —David Grant.

## Church Ordains White Deacons

Ghana — Calvary Baptist  
Church has ordained the first  
white deacons in its history. Southern  
Baptist missionaries, Robert W. Sims  
and E. Richardson.

missionaries, both laymen who  
served as deacons in  
the United States, joined  
Ghanaians who were ordained  
special services in August.  
Sims serves as business manager  
of Ghana Baptist Mission. He is  
of Alabama where he was or-  
dained in Spring Hill Baptist Church.  
Richardson and his wife are  
rents for the hotel for chil-  
dren of Baptist missionaries here. He  
lives in Texas and served as  
pastor in First Baptist Church, La-

churches in the area have flourished.  
A year ago the convention reported  
903 Southern Baptist churches  
with 279,000 members.

The Arizona convention once in-  
cluded territory from Canada to the  
Mexican border, including Colorado.  
Later the Colorado convention  
included all of five states and a part  
of a sixth.

All the 33 state conventions  
have an executive staff headed by an  
administrator usually called "execu-  
tive secretary." Each convention  
likewise has a Baptist state paper.  
Twenty-three of these papers are  
weeklies, six are monthlies and four  
are bi-weekly.

The papers range in circulation  
from 2,500 to the Texas Baptist Stan-  
dard's 375,000. Five papers have over  
100,000 circulation: Texas, Ala-  
bama, Georgia, South Carolina, Mis-  
sissippi and North Carolina. The  
combined circulation for all 33 is  
1,750,000.

In the formation of the first Baptist  
state convention — South Carolina —  
the founders stated their purpose was  
to form a "bond of union, a center  
of intelligence, and a means of vig-  
orous, united exertion in the cause  
of God, for the promotion of truth  
and righteousness."

With a variety of agendas, for-  
mats and circumstances, over the  
next few weeks the Baptist state  
conventions will be working vigor-  
ously at that kind of purpose.

state and national Cooperative Pro-  
gram gifts reach a year-end total  
of \$100,647,475 and a per capita  
amount of \$12. The denomination,  
12.3 million strong according to '73  
statistics, gave total gifts for all  
causes amounting to over \$1.2 billion  
or \$98.01 per capita — all-time  
records in the Baptists' giving.

A tally of giving reported by the  
various Baptist state conventions  
since 1925 reveals that Cooperative  
Program gifts had reached \$1,144,  
387,781 (not including 1974), while  
the total gifts for all causes, 1925-73  
were \$15,021,881,303. Total gifts from  
1885-1924 were \$528,550,512, while the  
total gifts from 1885-1973 were \$15,  
550,431,815.

Administrative costs for the Cooper-  
ative Program at the SBC level  
have been kept at a minimum. The  
"convention operating budget" re-  
ceives less than one per cent of the  
SBC Cooperative Program funds.  
This allocation provides for the bud-  
get of the Nashville-based SBC  
Executive Committee, the expenses  
of the annual SBC meeting and an

As the denomination swings into  
observance of the Cooperative  
Program 50th anniversary, 1974 is al-  
ready another record year in South-  
ern Baptist giving. But totals for the  
calendar year won't be available un-  
til next spring.

The call to conventionwide commit-  
ment in giving comes at a time  
when the SBC has already approv-  
ed a \$150 million goal on the state  
level for the Cooperative Program  
— to coincide with the U. S. Bicen-  
tennial in 1976 — for state and na-  
tional causes.

It is anticipated that a projected  
\$51 million of the goal will go to SBC  
level agencies budgets, while the  
rest (about 65 per cent) will remain  
in the 33 Baptist state conventions.



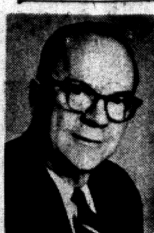
## Churches And The Problems Of Inflation

The nation's economy—and the world's—has become a priority concern  
of religious leaders and church agencies as they view the growing inflationary  
crisis in terms of justice, exploitation and "profiteering" at the expense  
of the poor. Simultaneously, there is heightened church attention to world  
food shortages, the energy crisis and the subsequent rising costs affecting  
all aspects of church involvement—including maintenance of congregations,  
social and charitable services, education, health care, overseas missions  
and many other areas of religious outreach.

Then, too, there is a growing call by church leaders to their mem-  
bers to follow a simpler, more austere life-style. Some churchmen see a  
"positive" value in the economic situation for that reason. — RNS Photo.

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## State Pastor-Deacon Chairman Conference Ready Nov. 1-2

A statewide Pastor-Deacon Chairman Conference will be held at the  
First Baptist Church in Jackson Nov. 1-2, with pastors and deacon chair-  
men from every section of the state expected.

Rev. Leon Emery, associate in the Cooperative Missions Department,  
will preside.

Outstanding state and convention-wide leaders will participate on the  
program.

Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, past president of the Southern Baptist Con-  
vention, will be the featured speaker.

Program personalities from the Mississippi Convention will include Dr.  
Earl Kelly, executive secretary treasurer; Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the  
Cooperative Missions Department, and Mr. Emery.

Dr. Charles Treadway, pastoral ministries consultant of the Baptist Sun-  
day School Board, Nashville, one of the program participants, said that  
"Deacon chairmen and pastors attending the conference will gain useful  
insight into the total ministry of deacons."

"They will be better equipped to lead the deacons to work with the pastor  
in ministering to the church and community."

In addition to Dr. Treadway, other Sunday School Board personnel con-  
ducting sessions include Howard Foshee, secretary of the church administra-  
tion department; Francis Martin, editor of "The Deacon" magazine; and  
James Barry, pastoral ministries consultant.

Another program personality will be Dr. Pat Clendinning, counseling  
minister of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta.

Dr. Clendinning, former minister of education at the host church, is a  
native of McComb and for seven years was director of the family ministry  
program at the Sunday School Board. Participating with him will be Mrs.  
Clendinning, the former Monte McMahan.

Topics of discussion for the conference will consist of "Things Pastors  
and Deacons Should Know About Missions," "Leadership Skills for  
Deacon Chairmen," "Deacon Projects for Proclaiming the Gospel," "Fellow  
Laborers in the Ministry," "Deacon Projects for Ministering to Families"  
and "The Deacon and His Denomination."

There will be two separate conferences for wives of deacons attending  
the conference entitled "The Ministry of the Deacon's Wife" and "What God  
Expects of Me in Working with My Husband."

The two-day conference is co-sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Con-  
vention Board and the Church Administration Department of the Sunday  
School Board.

Dr. Clendinning will be substituting on program for Ernest Mosley of  
Nashville, who was originally scheduled to appear but who had to cancel.

Many of these who plan to attend have pre-registered, but Mr. Emery  
says that these who have not been able to do so are urged to come on and  
register upon arrival.

## Christians Are Attacked In Northeastern India

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist  
World Alliance (BWA) has reported  
"highly destructive vigilante at-  
tacks" by bands of high school stu-  
dents on the growing Christian move-  
ment in Arunachal Pradesh, India.

The attacks, the BWA reports, in-  
clude widespread looting, burning of  
homes and churches, and physical  
assault.

The information came to the BWA  
in a request for relief assistance for  
Baptist churches and church mem-  
bers in the area of India's most north-  
easterly projection between the  
borders of Burma and China.

Carl W. Tiller, relief coordinator  
for BWA, said that the alliance has  
sent \$2,000 for its emergency relief  
funds and is seeking another \$40,000

in contributions which will feed 350  
people for four months.

"Rapid growth of Christian church-  
es in the last 10 years has alarmed  
anti-Christian forces of the area," a

BWA spokesman said. "The people  
were formerly animists. During the  
last decade the number of churches  
in one tribe has grown to more than  
50 with 4,000 baptized believers. Its

leaders say that another 1,000 new  
believers are awaiting baptism."

Two district associations of church-  
es have been formed, under auspices  
of the Baptists of Assam, a neighbor-  
ing state in Northeast India, the BWA  
reports. The sponsoring group in As-  
sam was once a mission of the Bap-  
tist General Conference (USA and  
Canada), but the expatriate mission-  
ary force is now down to two nurses.  
Reports reaching the BWA say the  
high school students go from village  
to village in Arunachal Pradesh di-  
recting the attacks only toward  
Christians.

The list of damages includes: 37  
churches burned down; 25 dwellings  
burned and 74 other dwellings dam-  
aged, affecting 343 families; 53 per-  
sons physically assaulted; 16 granar-  
ies burned down and 162 granaries de-  
stroyed or looted; 463 head of live-  
stock and 1,273 fowl stolen.

About 50 Christian leaders and their  
families are reported to have taken  
refuge on the compound of the John  
Firth School in North Lakhimpur, an  
institution managed by the North  
Bank Baptist Christian Association.  
Emergency relief measures were nec-  
essary to supply them with food.

Other families have remained in the  
hills, and, not daring to return to  
their destroyed homes, have been  
eking out a subsistence in the jungles  
on edible roots and leaves. The food  
shortage is particularly acute until  
harvest time.

Christian leaders in the area have  
advised against retaliation. They have  
told their members that rather than  
fight back they should "take joyfully

March 10-13, 1975  
**Prais 75 Sing**  
in Nashville  
Music City, U.S.A.

## "Prais 75" Set For Nashville

NASHVILLE — "Prais 75," a  
festival of celebration for Southern  
Baptist church musicians, will be in  
Nashville, March 10-13, 1975. More  
than nine thousand people are expect-  
ed for this musical event sponsored  
by the church music department of  
the Southern Baptist Sunday School  
Board.

"Choir members, ministers of  
music, organists, pastors, laymen and  
visiting musicians will be invited to  
participate in the festival," said William J.  
Reynolds, secretary of the church  
music department.

Meetings will be held in Nashville's  
Municipal Auditorium with a special  
session in the new Opry House at  
Opryland, U.S.A., a family entertain-  
ment park. "Prais 75" will touch  
all phases of the church music sound.

A commissioned choral work enti-  
tled "This We Believe," by Cecil Eff-  
inger, will be performed with a  
massed choir and the Nashville Sym-  
phony Orchestra, under the direction  
of Thor Johnson. Concerts and recitals  
will be featured each day throughout  
"Prais 75."

Symphonic arrangements of such

well-loved Southern Baptist songs as  
"Amazing Grace," "How Firm a  
Foundation," and "Come, Ye Sinners,  
Poor and Needy" have been commis-  
sioned from outstanding contem-  
porary American composers W. Francis  
McBeth, David Van Vactor, Gom-  
er Jones, Adolphus Hailstork and  
Robert Ward.

A brochure and new information  
concerning "Prais 75" are avail-  
able at the Nashville office of the  
Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Nashville, Tenn. 37234. The phone  
number is (code 615) 254-5461.

50 rooms have been reserved for the  
Mississippi people planning to attend  
Prais 75 at the Travelodge-Down-  
Town. Instead of going through the  
Housing Bureau, Mississippians desir-  
ing to stay at the Travelodge, should  
send their \$10.00 registration fee and  
motel request to John Gardner, 127  
Ninth Ave., N. Nashville, TN 37234.

## Baptist World Alliance Reports Burning Of 37 Churches In India

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Re-  
ports of vigilante attacks on Chris-  
tians in Arunachal Pradesh, India, in-  
cluding physical assaults on 53 persons  
and the burning of 37 churches, have  
been received at the Baptist World  
Alliance headquarters here.

According to the reports, the vi-  
olence in the province has been di-  
rected only toward Christians and has  
been carried out by roving bands of  
high school students.

In addition to the attacks on per-  
sons and churches, damages have in-  
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advised against retaliation, advising  
church members to "take joyfully the  
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them the grace to do so.

The North East India Christian  
Council has sent a delegation to New  
Delhi, seeking to meet with Prime  
Minister Indira Gandhi on the mat-  
ter. In addition, a formal petition has  
been made to the Supreme Court of  
India, asking for enforcement of the  
constitutional guarantee of religious  
freedom in Arunachal Pradesh and  
for the protection of the lives and  
properties of Christians here.

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province.

## Old Times Day At Mission Hill

On October 27 Mission Hill Church,  
Wesson, will observe "Old Times  
Day," with morning and after-  
noon services and dinner on the  
grounds. The public is invited.



# The Baptist Record

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## EDITORIAL Guest Editorial

### Laymen Need The State Papers

By Glendon McCullough  
(In World Mission Journal,  
SBC Brotherhood Commission)

A lack of knowledge about what is going on in our Baptist fellowship is a luxury that Baptist laymen can no longer afford.

Baptists and other Christians in some parts of the state, the nation and the world are doing things that other laymen should know about.

This exchange of ideas, this knowledge about exciting things that are going on in missions and in all other areas of Christian endeavor is a most significant ingredient to a healthy, mature Baptist life.

There is no better way for a Baptist layman to participate in this exchange of ideas than by reading regularly the Baptist state papers.

Every Baptist church member should have access to his state Baptist paper.

Admittedly, some of the publications are better than others. Any state Baptist fellowship, however, is strengthened when its constituency knows what is going on.

Many of the Baptist state paper editors have taken some courageous

stands on controversial issues in the denomination. For some, it has even taken courage to print news that Southern Baptists ought to be told. They are due our admiration and respect for courage to print the truth, even though at times the truth might seem to hurt.

Most of the time, the news is good. Sometimes it is not. But I feel that Baptist editors should "tell it like it is," and that lay people should respect the integrity of those who face up to their problems as well as their Southern Baptist life.

My first introduction to many of the state papers and other similar publications came during the time I served as associate to Dr. Louie D. Newton at Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta. Dr. Newton, a former editor of the Christian Index, received copies of all the state papers, and passed them on to me after he had read them. When I read them, I found myself getting excited about what was going on, not only in my state, but across the convention and around the world.

The state paper plays a unique role in Southern Baptist life. It is a forum for discussion of issues. It seeks to inform Baptist lay people on what is go-

ing on. And it tells the inspiring story of what Baptists are doing together, working through the state conventions, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Cooperative Program that undergirds state missions, home missions, foreign missions.

This issue of World Mission Journal puts special emphasis on state missions and the Cooperative Program. I am convinced that publications that tell the story of state missions in action will help your church provide a stronger program of stewardship. People give when they are informed. They support what they know about.

Every layman in the SBC needs to read the state paper. Laymen have the responsibility for seeing to it that the state paper is in the church budget and provided for every family in the church.

Therefore, let me urge laymen to go to your budget meetings for the next church year and take the initiative in getting your members to read your state Baptist paper.

This is one significant contribution laymen can make to the denomination and church this year. Let me urge you to do it.

## Guest Editorial

### Baptist Illiteracy

Lynn E. May Jr.  
in

Baptist History and Heritage,  
Historical Commission, SBC

In a day when the American populace is better educated than in any previous era in the history of the nation, it may seem strange to be writing about illiteracy. But there is an illiteracy that plagues many Baptists today. As a people of the Book, Baptists have always deplored biblical illiteracy. Through excellent programs of religious education, printed materials, and preaching the Word, they have done much to help dispel biblical illiteracy among Baptists.

Tragically, however, Baptist illiteracy is still very much with us. As Editor R. G. Puckett of the Maryland Baptist recently stated, "How many of our people have any grasp of the history of Baptists? The Southern Baptist Convention? Their own state convention? Even their own local church?"

In reality the present generation doesn't know Baptist concepts and heritage.

Though some Southern Baptists are acquainted with the history of Baptists, the vast majority of our people have yet to discover the riches of their magnificent heritage. Such Baptist illiteracy need plague our people no longer. Resources are available which can help Baptists know and appreciate their heritage. We must help acquaint our people with these sources and encourage them to utilize these materials to dispel Baptist illiteracy from the land.

Robert A. Baker, Chairman of the Historical Commission, SBC, and longtime professor of church history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has written a new history of Southern Baptists entitled *The Southern Baptist Convention and Its People, 1607-1972*. Released by Broadman Press April 1, 1974. \$7.95 (hardcover), \$4.95 (paperback).

awareness, the divisive controversies which threatened the denomination's health and life, the distinctive polity which facilitated voluntary cooperation, the missionary and evangelistic concern which stretched Southern Baptist horizons, and the factors which contributed to the tremendous growth and development of the denomination. This volume is a must for the library of every Baptist church, professor, and institution. *Who wants to know and understand the heritage of Southern Baptists will study this volume from cover to cover.*

The *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists*, a three-volume work published by Broadman Press, is another basic source for study by those who would discover for themselves the rich heritage of Southern Baptists. Many excellent state Baptist histories have been published in the last 15 years. Histories of local churches, associations, institutions, agencies, and organizations are also available.

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the Christian ministry than this." The church which was located in another state from where this pastor lived, also came to a frustrating hour when leaders were saying there must be something more to Christianity and church work than this. God brought the groups together and led them through difficulties and disappointments to a time of triumph and spiritual mountaintops. This is a personal testimony concerning what has been called the "Modern Renewal Ministry." It is a fascinating story, and although many may not want to follow its pattern, they will find a stirring Christian witness here.

**WORKING THINGS OUT**, by Steve Hollaway and Bill Junker (Broadman, paper, 128 pp., \$2.50) An easy-to-read discussion of questions college students face and how to face them. The book doesn't attempt to supply all the answers but does seek to help cope with the questions.

**GROWTH THROUGH GROUPS**, by William Clemons and Harvey Hester (Broadman, 160 pp., \$4.95) The authors are co-directors of the Vineyard Conference Center Louisville, Ky. They are experienced in the help that can come to individuals through sharing groups and in this book they strive to provide guidelines for beginning and maintaining such groups. They point out the possible rewards and the possible pitfalls and also point out how personal and congregational growth can occur.

**GROW — YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CAN GROW** by Lowell E. Brown with Bobbie Reed (Regal, 128 pp., paper, \$2.25) This excellent book on Sunday School methods will be welcomed when read and studied by leadership and membership. Such discussions of the teaching-learning processes, the grouping-grading mechanics and the effective use of space will offer positive suggestions, to help your Sunday School grow. — Bryant Cummings.

plans of action to achieve desired results; and develop a calendar of activities for carrying out active plans.

**HOW TO MANIPULATE YOUR MATE** by John W. Drakeford (Nelson, paper, 163 pp., \$2.95) A valuable study in psychology, this book gives specific, workable advice on getting along with people in any relationship. It contains detailed suggestions for changing behavior complete with charts for recording progress. John Drakeford is eminently qualified to write books on the subject of marriage. He is Professor of Psychology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and director of the Baptist Marriage and Family Counseling Center.

**JACK HAMM'S CUSTOM CLIPS FOR CHURCHES** by Jack Hamm (Crescendo, 95 large pp., \$4.95).

Jack Hamm is one of the best known religious cartoonists of our day. His cartoons appear regularly in many religious publications. In this new book he has prepared clipping drawings for use in bulletins, inserts, leaflets, handbooks, and in all other places where drawings are needed to enliven church publications. The drawings are printed on one side only, so that they will be easy to clip. They are grouped by subjects so that material is available for almost every possible church activity or date. They are of such size that they will work perfectly in both the small bulletins and the larger ones. Many of the drawings include Scripture passages. The book is indexed so that needed material quickly can be found. This volume will be of inestimable value to the secretary or other church worker who wants to provide an attractive, neat church newspaper or bulletin.

**BREAKTHROUGH INTO RENEWAL** by David Haney (Broadman, 128 pp., \$3.95).

The story of the renewal of a Southern Baptist pastor and a Southern Baptist church. The pastor came to a day in his life when he said, "There must be more to

by-laws? How about even the local church constitution, statement of faith and covenant? And since it is so much in the news now, how many have really acquainted themselves with the Baptist Faith and Message Statement?"

## NEWEST BOOKS

**ACTS, A STUDY GUIDE** by Curtis Vaughan (Zondervan, 192 pp., paper, \$1.95).

Dr. Curtis Vaughan of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has, for the past few years, prepared a study guide to be used as a resource book in connection with the January Bible Study, promoted by Southern Baptists. This is a practical and valuable brief commentary on the book of Acts. The individual who is teaching the book will find rich interpretation and application here.

**DOES GOD CARE?** by Georgia Harkness (Word Books, paper, 187 pp., \$3.50) The book aims to blend sound theology with practical help in meeting the eternal problem of the presence of evil in God's good world. Does God care? The Christian must answer Yes, but he must also look carefully at the foundations of his faith. The book aims to help him do this.

**TAPESTRIES OF LIFE** edited by Phyllis Hobe (A. J. Holman, \$12.95, 252 pp.) This very fine collection of poetry and prose is illustrated with full color photographs of top quality. In a scrapbook type of binding, it comes in a gift box. Selections of poetry and meditations are arranged according to subject: This Day, Friendship, Appreciation, Rest, Home, Nature, Forgiveness, Ideals, Patriotism, Youth, Age, Days to Come, Easter, Christmas, Sorrow, Happiness, Loneliness, and many others. The book is indexed according to author, title, first line, and subject.

**PASTOR'S PLANNER** by Walter A. Bennett, Jr., (Convention Press, 96 pp., \$3.95) This is a workbook designed to help a pastor plan his work for a one-year period. Its aim is to develop a view of pastoral ministries to help find unity in various tasks; explore with key leaders the future possibilities of the church; choose priority concerns for the 12-month period; state the desired results for each priority; analyze the forces influencing success or failure; develop



In Times Like These

## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Idaho Church Seeks Pastor

Dear Mr. Odle:

Our church is currently seeking a pastor. Due to our location ministers in this area are very limited. We are prayerful that if our need could be made known through your state paper we might be led to the man we are seeking.

Our congregation is a small, but well established, one in a town of approximately 3,500 here in southeastern Idaho. Our Sunday School attendance runs from 20 to 30 with preaching attendance about the same. While our church is currently unable to support a pastor on a full time basis, we do furnish a mobile home with all utilities and telephone plus a small monthly salary. Our area is currently experiencing rapid growth and job opportunities are currently good, especially in the areas of home and heavy construction, should we have an interest in working. Although we are predominantly Mormon, we feel there is a good opportunity for reaching people and growing in Soda Springs.

If you could make our need known by publishing this letter or by article of your own design we would be grateful. We would also appreciate receiving a copy of the issue in which it appears.

W. C. Womack  
Pulpit Committee  
First Baptist Church  
P. O. Box 941  
Soda Springs, Idaho 83276

### A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Oh, to be as sure-footed as a squirrel.

Have you ever spent a while really watching a squirrel? We have quite a population of the scurriers in our yard, despite efforts of our little jealous poodle, Dusty, to instruct them to live elsewhere the first few weeks after we moved here over two years ago. We have purposely thrown scraps of food out for them and generally encouraged their presence, and it has worked.

The other morning I was busy about my Saturday's—not days of the week, but the chores that inevitably await me on Saturdays I flopped into a big red chair to catch my breath between some of them. That chair is one of my favorite places to rest because I can look out the window and participate in an illusion of wilderness, nothing but sky, trees, birds, and squirrels. Even a couple of foxes were caused by it all the first fall were here, and we saw them come into our yard. Two of the boys had told us twice they'd seen a fox cross the road in front of their car late at night. We'd laughed at them—talking about seeing foxes inside Jackson's city limits. We didn't laugh that morning, though, while we watched from our breakfast table as two foxes looked for a breakfast table of their own outside. We were aware of their presence only one other time. There were a possum and a raccoon in the yard that first fall, too, but for a long time now, birds and squirrels have been our only residence.

**BAN ON TV VIOLENCE** (Mexico City) The government has banned 20 American programs from Mexican television because they are considered too violent. The prohibited shows include: 'Kung Fu,' 'The FBI,' 'Ironside,' 'Mannix,' 'The Mod Squad,' 'Dragnet,' 'The Untouchables,' 'The World of Jason King,' 'The Baron,' and 'Nichols.' Also 'The Fugitive,' 'Desert Rats,' 'Garrison's Raiders,' 'Streets of San Francisco,' 'O'Hara Secret Agent,' 'Rescue,' 'Amos Burke,' 'Longstreet,' 'Police Trilogy,' and 'The Sergeant.' The Interior Ministry said the programs could not be shown as of Sept. 30. 'Safeguards established to help heads of families protect their children from certain programs have failed,' an official said. 'We want to keep the children from watching programs of such negative influence.' Mexican President Luis Echeverria, in his Sept. 1 State of the Union message spoke of 'the influence of violent television and movies on the development of our youth.'

**DIVORCE RATE, INCOME ARE SINKING** — "Married couples battling smaller paychecks, soaring prices and rampant inflation apparently have less desire to battle each other. At least in California the divorce rate is leveling off and officials speculate more marriages are surviving because of the nation's troubled economy. 'I found a general trend that divorce rates decrease in the times of economic hardship,' Brinkley Long, a Sacramento County Superior Court marriage counselor, told UPI. 'When families are faced with a hardship and economics get tough — if there is any strength to the family — they are inclined to pull together,' said Long." — The Nashville Tennessean, October 10, 1974.

**FALSE ADVERTISING AND USELESS DRUGS** — "As for why so many people take useless drugs, the answer seems to be largely a matter of suggestion. Judging from figures compiled by the Federal Communications Commission, . . . Norman Mark of the American Medical Association . . . notes, 'a New York watching television in 1970 might have been bombarded by 16,380 messages for headache remedies, sleeping aids and cold medications in a single year — plus what he heard on radio, read in newspapers and magazines and saw on billboards.' The FCC claims it does not have the expertise to deal

with the misleading ads. 'The Federal Trade Commission passes the buck, the Food and Drug Administration studies the matter, with few results,' Mark notes. Studies by Dr. Don-

green with summer leaves.

There was a sudden motion of needles far up in a tall pine tree as squirrels chased high above. Their scampering did not move limbs on the tall old column of a tree, but soon the path of chase led downward onto the trunk of a small pine tree whose thin limbs bent under the scant weight until the squirrels seemed almost sure to fall to earth. But they surely didn't fall. They simply did whatever squirrels do to hold on and continued their path of play on to another tree, and another, until the steadying of limbs and leaves let me know they were out of sight.

I've thought about those squirrels many times since then — thinking how the sudden swoop of a limb downward seems to be no problem for a squirrel, but I thought how quickly I step back if some limb of life I'm on seems to be unsteady by my step. I wondered if the reason the world's in such a mess might be that Christians have been afraid because a limb shook a little, and we just couldn't keep in mind that the Vine is able to hold its branches safe.

Oh, to be as sure of foot as a squirrel. Or maybe it is a sureness of heart that's needful. — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

aid B. Louria of the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry show that the child of a mother who takes a daily tranquilizer is 10 times as likely to use opiates, five times as likely to use stimulants or LSD and seven times as likely to use tranquilizers compared to the kids of non-pill-popping mothers." — Human Behavior, October, 1974.

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# Brotherhood And WMU Raise Flag Of Love In Campaign

By Catherine Allen  
for Baptist Press

While some authorities say Americans are becoming a nation of strangers, Southern Baptists are raising a flag in favor of life-changing neighborliness.

"Love Thy Neighbor" is a year-long intensive drive mounted by Southern Baptists' missions organizations for men and women. The purpose is to remind Baptists that they are surrounded by people who need not only religious faith, but who need a simple dose of human kindness and help.

The SBC's Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) and Brotherhood Commission published details about "Love Thy Neighbor" in a 16-page brochure and started distributing it early in the summer. Already 210,000 copies have been snapped up and 55-

000 are coming off the press to answer eager questions about "How can we get involved?"

Brotherhood and WMU launched "Love Thy Neighbor" to put feet to the SBC's emphasis for 1974 - 75 entitled "Share His Love Now." "Love Thy Neighbor's" title and motivation were lifted straight from the Bible, where Jesus taught that love in action directed towards neighbors was second in importance only to love of God.

A man seeking to excuse his limited concept of neighborly love asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered with the story of the Good Samaritan, who did not ignore a stranger who had been victimized and mistreated, but who invested time and money to help.

"Jesus pointed to a wider community in which Christians must love all men as brothers and seek to draw

them into wholeness," said Alma Hunt, executive secretary of WMU, and Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission.

Hundreds of warming examples of "Love Thy Neighbor" are already in hand: the Birmingham couple that took a forgotten mental patient into their home to ease her back into society; the California doctor who replaced a missionary doctor temporarily and performed 60 surgeries in 80 days; the team of volunteer carpenters who helped rebuild Baptist buildings in earthquake-stricken Nicaragua.

There was the Tennessee church that took worship services to the banks of a resort lake, the Louisiana family that made a place for unloved juveniles in their home.

Then there was the Alabama girl who stocked a church closet with food and clothes that sustained several families through hard times, the Atlanta congregation that resett-

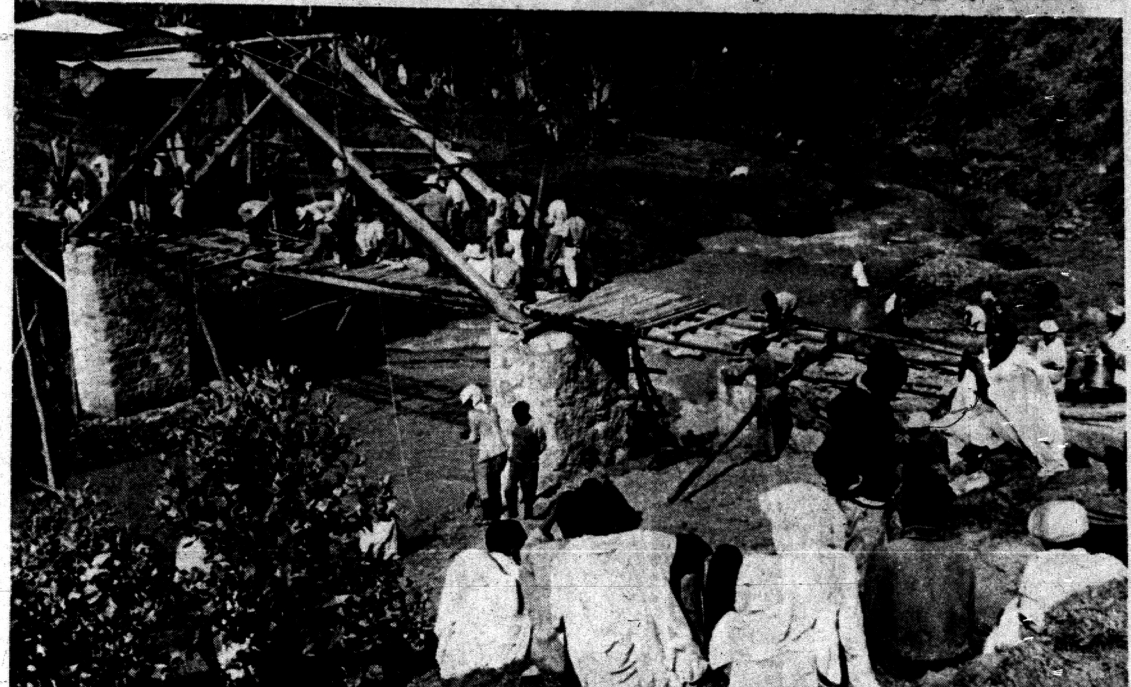
led displaced foreign families and the family that adopted a batch of forgotten old people as grandparents.

Family mission action, churchwide mission action, crisis closets and lay ministries are the four legs of "Love

Thy Neighbor" that can help churches walk into concerned neighbor relations.

When the flurry of projects comes to an end 12 months from now, no statistics will be around to indicate the

win-lose score. Most of the participants will be reluctant to stand and be counted. But if here and there Americans stop to help a neighbor at a personal level, "Love Thy Neighbor" will have made its mark. (BP)



Footbridge Built For Lepers

Southern Baptist missionary R. Clifford Staton Jr. came to the aid of residents of a leprosy hospital near Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, by designing a new footbridge to take the place of one that washed away in floods last year. The bridge was designed to make use of local materials and to be constructed by local labor. Most of

the materials and labor were donated by the local people. Among those shown working are healed lepers with physical defects. It took 100 men working together to pull the trusses, which weighed several tons, into place. (Photo by Garland M. Threlkeld)

## "Project 80" Bible Reading Marathon Terminates At "53"

By Bonita Sparrow

Project 80 is as useful as information, as valuable as time, and it has nothing to do with government, age, or science fairs.

The 80 represents the number of hours it takes to complete the project — reading the entire Bible through from "In the beginning, God..." in Genesis to the final "Amen" in Revelation.

"I read that someone had been challenged to read the entire Bible through in 80 hours," said Mrs. Robert S. Crawford, wife of the pastor at Southern Oaks Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. Crawford, who is "fully convinced that the best way to teach the Bible to others is to know what it says from beginning to end," suggested that the church teacher-training class she leads accept the challenge for themselves.

"We called it Project 80," she said. "We made a large poster with individual charts for the 16 class members in the project, put it in the classroom and marked the progress weekly. As individuals finished reading the Bible, they could see how many hours it took."

"Each class member read the Bible at his own pace, just like a library

book, not for depth study which came later, but simply for an overall view of the Bible's content."

Mrs. Crawford suggested the class use The Living Bible for Project 80 "because The Living Bible is such an easy paraphrase to read." She completed her project in 53 hours, 124 minutes.

She described her participation in the project as "one of the most meaningful experiences in my Christian life. I have read the Bible through many times, using our denomination's Bible-reading plan, or reading a different book of the Bible each month, but this was the first time I had gone straight through, from beginning to end."

Al Etheridge, another Project 80 participant, echoed Mrs. Crawford's enthusiasm.

"As many times as I've read the Bible, it wasn't until I read it through in Project 80 that I really began to understand the basic program that God has put forth for man," he said.

Etheridge started Project 80 with his King James Version of the Bible. "Then, about half-way through Exodus, I picked up a copy of The Way (the paperback version of The Living Bible) and read it the rest of the way through," he said.

"Before I read this paraphrase, I had never fully understood what the Bible was trying to say. It was like picking up any other history book. You know, you pick up the Bible and learn what has happened to man in the last 4,000 years."

"But when I participated in Project 80 with The Way, I realized that the Old Testament is a book of history and a foundation for the New Testament, which is a book for the present."

"Some portions of the Bible had always seemed mysterious to me, but now I can understand what God is trying to tell us."

Mrs. Crawford highly recommends Project 80 to church groups, or to individuals interested in better Bible understanding. "The more you study the Bible, the more you know how to live today. And that's why Project 80

## For Missionaries To Jordan

# All You Are Is All They Ask

By Ione Gray

At a time when the permanent seems fleeting, missionaries in the Middle East, Jordan in particular, are calling for reinforcements to come prepared to settle in for life.

They aren't asking for a lot of missionaries, just a few choice ones who will stay put. They are planning future strategy and the carrying out of strategy takes continuity.

Paul S. C. Smith, a missionary to Jordan, says that missionaries who come to the Arab world definitely need to be committed for a lifetime of service. "In the first place," he explains, "one four-year term is certainly not enough time for one to be able to communicate effectively in the Arabic language."

"We are in the middle of our third term, having been in the Arab world since 1961, and, frankly, communication in daily affairs still has complications for us. There are times when we think Arabic, but not always."

"Secondly, it is entirely impos-

sible for him to be an effective missionary — that is, he cannot reach 100 percent effectiveness. "It is no easy thing to understand the Eastern mind. Especially in field evangelism it is imperative that we have missionaries who are committed to stay a lifetime."

"It is possible to have short-term medical and nursing personnel, because they can communicate in the operating room with a knife better than the evangelist can communicate with the sword of the Spirit."

"Thus it is my opinion that it would be folly to bring out field evangelists, educational personnel, and others, into Jordan especially, with the idea that they would only be here for one term."

Most Southern Baptist missionaries in Jordan are there under a

contract to cling to Islam. These examples are not unusual.

On the other hand, I learned of a commando who attended church services, talked privately with the Baptist pastor, made a decision for Jesus Christ, moved to the relative anonymity of a large city, studied the Bible privately with another pastor, and is believed to be continuing in his new faith. Though he is said to attend worship services when possible, he is, I presume, a secret believer.

Alta Lee Lovegren, a missionary to the Middle East since 1961, says, "We need to consider (perhaps in consultation and cooperation with other evangelistic groups) what can be done with or for converted Muslims whose lives are in danger."

Her husband, L. August, a medical doctor, says: "Working with Moslems' has been talked about, studied from every angle, analyzed, dissected, categorized, praised, condemned, promoted, avoided, et cetera, et cetera, until one tires of the talk. Each



Trustee Gives Video Camera To Seminary

"Let's see — first you push this button," says Wilbur Swartz, professor of speech, to library director Paul Gerick (right) as the two study the fine points of operating New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's new video camera. Trustee Paul H. Power of Little Rock, Ark., recently presented the camera and tripod to the institution. Valued at \$4,200, the gift will be used to tape student preaching classes, lectures, special addresses by guest speakers, counseling sessions, and musical and dramatic presentations.

## The 'Hiding Place' Being Filmed By World Wide Pictures

BURBANK, Calif. — In the planning stage for one and one-half years, cameras now have been turned on Corrie ten Boom's "The Hiding Place," a best-seller with sales in the United States alone already reaching the two million mark.

It is the account of the life of that Dutch Christian woman who miraculously escaped death in the Nazi's Ravensbruck Concentration Camp after her arrest for leading a vast resistance movement in Holland. Her underground activity aided countless Jews in escaping from the invading Germans.

Given a shooting schedule slightly exceeding three months by William Brown, president of World Wide Pictures and executive producer, the filming of this chapter in World War II history has taken stars and key crew members from America into Holland and England where they have been joined by large numbers of other performers and technicians.

The \$1 million production, which is expected to be released late in 1974, stars three of America's top performers. Also, it introduces as Corrie ten Boom, Jennette Clift, a brilliant talent discovered in Texas where she long has been active in church work.

Julie Harris tops the cast as the deeply spiritual Betsie, Corrie's sister who is so filled with the love of Jesus Christ that even in Ravensbruck she can feel no hatred for the Nazis.

Eileen Heckart, who last year was given the Academy Award for her performance in "Butterflies are Free," is cast as a trustee at Ravensbruck where she works as a nurse and comes to experience the softening of her character through the spiritual witness of Corrie and Betsie ten Boom.

Arthur O'Connell, twice an Academy Award nominee, was chosen for the role of Papa ten Boom, a watchmaker in Haarlem over whose small shop he lived with his family.

Jennette Clift, highly schooled in drama both in the Southwest and in New York, was selected to portray Corrie after she passed with no difficulty the screen test conducted for her at the studio in Burbank.

Filming was launched in Haarlem, a city of about 300,000 population and about 20 miles from Amsterdam.

Among places used in filming in Haarlem is the building still housing the ten Boom watch shop, the Haarlem railroad station from which the Nazis carried off countless Jews in cattle cars, the Grote Markt (sq), as the city square is known, and the not-

ed St. Bavo's Cathedral. Inability to use the Dutch prison in Haarlem prompted the company to find a place which could be used well as the yard for that prison; it was found in the quad at England's famed Eton College.

The kubelwagen (military scout car) and other light German military vehicles used in sequences filmed in Holland were obtained from Anthony Oliver, London collector of old-time army vehicles who keeps all of them in perfect running condition.

Difficulty was encountered in locating a suitable train and railroad tracks on which it would run as prisoners were carried from prison to prison. But the search for a steam locomotive was ended when the film company found what it wanted in the town of Limuiden. The locomotive is the property of the Hoogovens Society, an organization of railroad hobbyists. The engine had last been used in 1944. With the locomotive the society provided an engineer. He had to keep the train steamed for three nights prior to the time required in filming the sequence in which it was used. With much of Holland's rail lines electrified, it was no easy task to find a 50-80 mile stretch of line that is non-electrified. Over portions of this stretch of track, the locomotive pulled eight cattle cars,

packed with extras portraying prisoners.

From Holland, the company moved to England to continue filming. First it went to the Bray Studios at Maidenhead, near Windsor, where many of the Haarlem interior scenes were filmed over a four-week period.

The third major location area was at Hobbs Barracks in Surrey, about 45 miles from London. In the luxurious, green countryside, this disused British military facility, built in 1939, spreads over about 200 acres. All parts of Ravensbruck were filmed here — the cells, the long shower rooms, the hospital, the yard to which prisoners often were summoned as early as 3 o'clock for the morning roll call, the vast potato field and the quarry from which the women, often driven by whip-wielding guards, dug rocks.

Clothes worn by the many inmates reflect searches made in many attics by churchwomen in America.

In addition to American, the cast includes English, French, Dutch, Polish, Austrian, Czechoslovakian, Swedish, Italian and German actors.

"Corrie ten Boom, the genesis of the film production, contributed more than just writing the book on which it is based. She also served the filmmakers as technical advisor.

"We're not really an orphanage since nine out of ten of our children have at least one parent living," explained J. Parker McLendon, Baptist Children's Homes area administrator for central North Carolina.

Seven out of ten of the children have both parents living.

The agency may not even be properly called a "children's home," explained J. Parker McLendon, Baptist Children's Homes area administrator for central North Carolina.

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Finally, after seven stages of application, the child becomes one of 1,772 children related to the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

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independent British doctor, facing retirement, turned his hospital over to the Foreign Mission Board, a combination of educational, medical, and evangelistic work has been carried on. However, as the 18 missionaries in Jordan glance back in preparation for long-range future planning, they face a painful fact that their evangelistic work has been primarily with what they call "nominal Christians" (eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholics) rather than the majority population which is 90 percent Muslim.

Christian witnessing to Middle Eastern Muslims is difficult, discouraging, and sometimes dangerous. Most of the danger is to the Muslims. An older teen-age girl was threatened with murder if she continued to attend a girls' meeting at the church.

A Muslim young man who made a profession of faith in Christ found rejection and persecution by his family too painful for endurance, so now he

verted, a new church on fire with the opposition crumbling. It just won't be.

"Until Islam is no longer state controlled, until Islam becomes officially tolerant of Christianity, until persons are not mortally afraid (literally) of their neighbors, our work will continue to be a little at a time, a word here, an example there, a one-to-one witness to the salvation so freely offered to all persons."

"We need more courage to speak out, more seeking of God's will, more identification with the nationals, more dependence on the Holy Spirit. We are sowing in barren land, but we need to keep at it."

Baptists witness to Muslims through all their institutions, through correspondence courses and their radio ministry, and through personal contacts.

Few Muslims visit Christian churches. There are many reasons why, but most tragic of all is that they are not always wanted by the believers.



Camel Caravan Carries Precious Cargo

MIAMEY, Niger—A camel caravan moves towards a remote area of Niger carrying a precious cargo—food. In caravans sponsored by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, nearly 5,000 camels began plodding in August from Niamey north into Niger's drought zone over tracks impassable even for four-wheel-drive trucks. A camel can cover 19 to 31 miles a day and carries up to 440 pounds of food supplies.

The caravans are accompanied by two armed Niger army camel corp soldiers to guard the precious cargo. Most of the camel owners are of the Tuhi tribe, nomads who now have at least temporary employment after years in which they lost large parts of their cattle herds to the drought but managed to keep some of their harder camels. (RNS Photo)

## Child Care Services Help Mend Broken Families

By Bill Boatwright  
for Baptist Press

Carl and Sharon, two kids in the cavity prone years, are the kind of children who might live in your neighborhood.

Carl plays baseball on the sixth grade team, and Sharon, his older sister, has one great desire in life: to be elected school cheerleader.

But Carl and Sharon are different. They are residents of the Mills Home campus of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina in Thomasville. The two children are not orphans, however. Both parents are alive and visit at least once a month.

Carl and Sharon are victims of the Great American Tragedy: separated parents. Only in their case the state of North Carolina has determined neither parent is fit to bring up children. Both parents are controlled by the disease of alcoholism.

The children lived with their parents, or with an aunt in Charlotte, until 18 months ago. Then the parents formally separated with child custody given to the county's Department of Social Services.

At this point the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina was contacted for possible child care services. The parents, although no longer

legal guardians, were consulted by the Baptist agency and involved in the procedure.

Application begins with the assignment of a children's home social worker who determines the family's need for service, develops a total program, and finds out how the child feels about the situation.

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## Ribbon Cut At Reworked REC Center On Clarke's "Best Guest Day Yet"



Mrs. Vivian Rasmussen assists Dr. Compere in cutting the ribbon at opening ceremony for the restored Rec Hall on Clarke campus.



One group of guests start on campus tour at Clarke College Guest Day, Fall '74, on October 6.



Officers of Clarke College Choir, 1 to r—Judy Womack, librarian; Letta Crabtree, Vicksburg, Librarian; Thomas Peoples, Jackson, president; Melanie Bingham, Jackson, secretary; Janie Boykin, Mize; Stanley Nowell, Sumner, vice-president.

### Clarke Ensembles Sing At Five Associations

Clarke College Choir and ensembles, directed by James B. McElroy, have had a full schedule of engagements for October. Friday night, October 11, the C's sang at an after-game fellowship sponsored by the Student Council of the Crestview High School in First Church, Crestview, Florida. The CC-Aires entertained guests at a B&PW Club dinner on October 15 at First Church, Newton.

Clarke College ensembles have furnished worship in song for meetings of five associations of the Mississippi Baptist Convention: Neshoba Association, Hopewell Church, Philadelphia, October 18; Scott County Association meeting in Morton Church, October 21; Newton Association, October 22; Lauderdale Association at Poplar Springs Church, Meridian, Oct. 23; Leake Association on October 24 in Carthage Church.

The month's schedule will close with an engagement for the C's in a youth rally on October 31 at Marion Church, Rev. Edsel Wells, pastor.

### Summer Of '75

## Broadmoor Plans Another Cycling Tour Of Europe

The Spinning Spokes will spin again! Again in 1975, the Broadmoor Church Recreation Department (Jackson) will sponsor a European cycling tour July 4-28.

"The educational value of the experience is priceless," says Mr. Bewley. While cycling the group will visit many museums and places of historic interest.

and Belgium. Last summer, fifteen senior high school and freshmen college students, with several adults from Broadmoor, spent 21 days on 10-speed bicycles covering 500 miles of European terrain. Before leaving, they had spent a year cycling around Jackson in preparation.

Bicycle paths in Europe make cycling much easier than in the States. Two vans will follow the cyclists, as they did last year, carrying first aid supplies, personal belongings, bicycle repair equipment and mechanic, food, tents, and cots. The cyclists will divide into groups as they ride.

"One of the most important parts of the program," according to John Bewley "is the planned time set aside for the young people to become actively involved in Christian witnessing. There will be a time of singing, fellowship, sharing, and preaching around the campfire each evening with people of other countries."

Mr. Bewley is one of the two capable men who will direct the tour; Jerry White is the other.

Director of activities at Broadmoor for ten years, Mr. Bewley says he is looking forward to his second European cycling tour. Besides being a cyclist, he is also a magician, ventriloquist, musician, speaker, writer, athlete, and inventor. A graduate of Kansas State and New Orleans Seminary, he is married to the former Barbara Gudgen and is the father of three children.

Mr. White is principal and counselor at Jackson Preparatory School. A graduate of Mississippi College (undergraduate degree in art and master's degree in guidance and school administration), he has worked ten years with young people, both in church work and as a school teacher and counselor. He has been actively involved in cycling in Jackson and has previously made two cycling tours of Europe.

Travel during the 1975 bike tour will be conducted at a leisurely pace and in an economical manner. An average cycling day will be 35 to 50 miles. Many times the group will board a train into various cities. A ride from London down the Rhine River to Bonn on a four-decker cruiser will be a highlight of the trip.

and an alumni meeting directed by Dr. Compere.

All visitors were guests of the college for lunch.

The afternoon featured entertainment by the Clarke College Singers under direction of James B. McElroy, and an inter-squad baseball game.

One part of the alumni participation was a reunion of the Class of '64 initiated by Mr. and Mrs. Melvyn Jolly of Jersey City, Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. Compere entertained the Class of '64 representatives with an afternoon reception in their new home.

Registration reached a total of 312, including 135 high school students.

It would be great if someone could invent a talking dictionary: press a button and get an answer. G. & C. Merriam has almost done just that. It's called their Language Research Service. Every purchaser of the New Collegiate can write to Merriam at any time on questions of word usage, definitions, or the language in general and they'll get an answer, too, free of charge (enclosed self-addressed envelope requested).



John Bewley, left, and Jerry White will direct the 1975 bicycle tour of Europe.

## Three Mission RA's Seminars Set

MEMPHIS — Plans for three mission seminars designed to involve high school age Royal Ambassadors in unusual mission opportunities over the next three years have been disclosed by the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

The seminars to be held at Walt Disney World, Florida, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and Washington, D. C. will focus on mission strategy, mission action, and Christian citizenship.

The 1974 seminar "Mission Games '74" is scheduled for December 27-30 at Contemporary Resort, Walt Disney World, Florida. The seminar will utilize simulation games to teach Pioneer RAs about mission strategy of the home and foreign mission boards.

Through games Pioneers will face the problems and complexities of real mission situations and will have to develop mission strategy.

Program leaders for the gaming seminar include Russell Bennett Jr., of the Home Mission Board's Division of Associational Services and Lucien Coleman Jr., associate professor of religious education at Southern Seminary.

The 1975 Seminar entitled "Mission Action '75," is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend November 28-30 at Great Smokey Mountain National Park, Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

The mission action seminar will take older Royal Ambassadors through a laboratory experience in resort missions and will include detailed planning of several mission action projects designed specifically for implementation in each participants home church.

"Christian Government '76," is the final seminar in the series and will be July 1-4, 1976 in Washington, D. C. Weldon Gaddy, director of Christian Citizenship Development for the SBC Christian Life Commission, will help direct the conference which will lead Pioneers to become better Christian citizens.

The seminar is being held in conjunction with the United States Bicentennial observance and has official sanction from the Bicentennial Committee.

Pioneers and their counselors will be staying on Capitol Hill for the citizenship event and will tour government offices and landmarks in Washington.

Several high government officials will meet with the boys during the conference.

Charles Duggert, director of the Brotherhood Commission's Pioneer Royal Ambassador Department said the seminars are only the first step in a plan to involve high school age Royal Ambassadors in intense mission study and involvement in unusual ways during the next decade.

## 1st, Anguilla's Young-Ins To Sing At Belzoni

First Church, Anguilla's Young-Ins will make their first appearance of the 1974-75 season at First Church, Belzoni, on November 10.

"This group has been organized for several years and have had wonderful times and trips," reports Mrs. F. W. Smith. Attendance at their September 9 meeting was 31, the largest yet.

They are under the leadership of Mrs. D. T. White, Mrs. Pete Hargraves, organist, Mrs. Bob Bryant, pianist, and Mrs. Ike Collins, coordinator.

The church's Crickets, ages 4 through 7, have 13 enrolled. The Floodies, ages 8-11, have nine enrolled.

## Jane Hix Named To WMU Consultant Post

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Miss Jane Hix, director of the adult division for the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) for the Arkansas Baptists, has been named consultant for Baptist Young Women for the national WMU, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Hix, who will do field work and planning for women ages 18-29, is a magna cum laude graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, a Baptist school in Abilene, Tex., where she was the first woman student government president.

During college years, she directed Girls in Action and Acteens summer camps for the WMU of New Mexico Baptists. While she was earning a master's degree in religious education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, she did field work for the WMU in the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

A native of Lubbock, Tex., she is listed in the current edition of Outstanding Young Women of America.

## Today's Youth



BEAUTY QUEENS MEET—Debby Cathey (left), Miss Tennessee in 1972, now Mrs. Steve Burger, fashion editor of the Nashville Banner, interviews Vonda Van Dyke, 1965 Miss America, at the autograph party in the Nashville Baptist Book Store for Miss Van Dyke's new book, "Your Love is Here." (BP) Photo by Douglas Brachey, Baptist Sunday School Board.

## Youth Celebrations Set December 28-31

NASHVILLE — This year's Winter Youth Celebrations for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors will be Dec. 28-31, at Ridgcrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Centers.

"Bright New Wings" is the 1974 theme for the celebrations, held annually during the Christmas holidays.

Registration will be limited to 1,000 at Glorieta and 800 at Ridgcrest.

Individual conferences offered include "Sharing Faith Expectantly," "Considering Christian Vocations," "Creative Writing" and "Drama, Music and Art Workshops."

Also, a leadership conference will

be offered for adults who come as youth counselors. One adult counselor of the same sex must accompany each eight youth.

A \$40 fee covers registration, program expenses, insurance, lodging, meals and a packet of celebrative materials.

To register send \$40 for each person to Winter Youth Celebrations, Ridgcrest Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 128, Ridgcrest, N. C. 28770; or Winter Youth Celebrations, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 8, Glorieta, N. M. 87535.

The church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board sponsors the Winter Youth Celebrations.

## 66% Of MC Seniors Applying For Medical School Are Accepted

Sixty-six percent of the Mississippi College seniors applying for admission to medical school during 1974-75 were accepted for admission, placing the college well above the national average.

This was the report issued by Dr. John Legg, professor of chemistry and advisor to pre-med students, after some research in the area.

Nationally, only one out of three applicants, or 33 percent, are accepted. Of the 19 Mississippi College students accepted, three were women.

"During recent years our graduates have attended medical school at Tulane, Baylor, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Vanderbilt, University of Tennessee, and University of Mississippi Medical Center," said Dr. Legg. Most students choose Mississippi College because it is recommended

"Students from our pre-med program had almost exactly the same quality point average as other Mississippi students admitted to medical schools," he continued, "but ranked considerably above the state average on MCAT test scores. It seems our students are well prepared for medical school."

The 1975 graduating class of the University Medical Center in Jackson seems to back up this statement. All 12 of the Mississippi College graduates who entered that medical school in 1969 received the degree with their class.

In the University Medical Center's "Early Decision Program," whereby students can be admitted by Oct. 1, four of the 12 students admitted in 1974 were from Mississippi College, including one woman. Only the most outstanding students are eligible

ence departments have for years enjoyed a reputation for excellence. Judging by scores made on the Medical College Admittance Test, the reputation is justified.

"Our students' scores have increased tremendously over the past three years," reported Dr. Legg. "Our scores during this period are considerably above the Mississippi average and about the national average. In the 1974 class, Mississippi College students ranked above the national standard in two of the four categories on the MCAT test."



### Children's Choir Presents Musical

The musical, "Hey God, Listen!", by Roxie E. Gibson and Ken Krause was recently presented in the Washington Church, Washington, Mississippi by the Children's Choir. The choir of 24 members is led by Mrs. Rita Corley and Mrs. Betty Higginbotham, pianist. The group has been invited to present the musical in two other area churches.



### Record Number Of Campers For S. Corinth

Pictured are a group of R.A.'s and Girls in Action, along with some workers and parents, on the morning the boys and girls left for camp. This represents the largest group of boys and girls ever to attend camp from South Corinth Church. Sixteen R.A. boys attended camp at Sardis Lake, and four G.A. girls went to Camp Garaywa. Rev. Trent F. Grubbs is the South Corinth pastor.

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# Injustice Toward Others Is Sin In God's Sight

By William J. Falls  
Amos 5:10-24; 6:4-6; 7:10-17; 8:4-6  
Some Americans have the idea that our nation was chosen by God for a significant destiny in world history. They point to vast natural resources, unusual geographical location, and zeal for freedom as evidence of that special role. Too many act as though that choice makes us a divinely favored people who deserve wealth and honor. But some Americans who believe that God has a special purpose to be achieved through us feel that his gifts and privileges are matched with responsibility to obey other prophets had a similar mixed viewpoint. Some were proud of their closeness but callous toward human need, while others

risked much to speak against injustice. The Lesson Explained  
**AMOS CONDEMNS INJUSTICE (5:10-13)**  
Amos was the pioneer of the famous eighth-century prophets. He did his preaching about 750 B.C. Although he was a native of Judah, he delivered his messages within the Northern Kingdom of Israel. The monarchy had been divided after Solomon's death, but both parts of the divided kingdom claimed loyalty to Jehovah. Both were almost as prosperous as during Solomon's time; they had become less agricultural and more commercial. The rich had grown richer, and the poor had increased in number. Within less than thirty years Israel would be overrun by the Assyrians. This, in brief, is the setting for the message of Amos.  
In 5:10-13 we hear the prophet de-

scribe first the way certain people reacted to the elders when they rendered judgments at the city gate, the court of common justice, and to prophets who criticized conditions in the light of God's law. The Hebrew verbs used for "hate" and "Abhor" are very strong words. Amos knew the minds of the greedy and cruel, but that did not stop him from telling aloud some of the things they had been doing. They had trampled on the poor and extorted high grain taxes (perhaps land rental). Then they had flaunted their wealth by building hewn-stone houses while others had to use field stone or adobe. Speaking for the Lord, Amos predicted that they would not be able to enjoy their luxury because of their sins.

In their affluence many of the people treated God's laws lightly and had little care for the problems of the disadvantaged. Our own times are mirrored in that history, but the prophets do not speak as clearly as Amos.  
Notice in verse 12 what those sins were. He had judged immorality and idolatry earlier. But here the can be called "injustice"—crucial sins and selfish disregard for the rights of others, especially the disadvantaged. Verse 13 describes what most people were doing, but not Amos. **MEN MUST CHANGE THEIR WAYS (5:14-15)**  
Not even Amos could preach judgment all the time; he balanced it with an appeal for repentance. He was not claiming injustice to be only unsportsmanlike or damaging

to national image—nothing like that. It was just plain sin because it violated God's law. Because God is concerned about all men, he is unalterably against oppression. Amos made it clear that religion and morality are not separate; the God they worshiped was the God who made moral demands. Because the Israelites' neighbors did not see it that way, the more sophisticated Israelites also ignored that relationship. They had said that God was with them (see v. 14), but Amos declared he would be with them only if they changed their ways: "Seek good, and not evil." Actually hating evil and loving good would be true repentance and could bring God's grace to them. "The remnant of Joseph" refers to the two major tribes in the north, Ephraim and Manasseh.

**GREED RESENTS THE SABBATH (8:4-6)**  
Several times in the verses preceding this passage Amos told his hearers what was in store for Israel: captivity, loss of land and death. Here he paints a vivid word picture of the attitude and conduct that will bring that punishment. He says his hearers are trampling the needy. The Hebrew word translated "swallow up" can mean "pant after," thus picturing the rich and powerful people as ravening wolves chasing the needy. They are so eager to destroy the poor that they resent the coming of holy days when they cannot make a deal. They use a false measure and tricky scales to cheat their customers. To "buy the poor for silver" probably refers to bribery. Selling "the refuse of the wheat" probably refers to the practice of selling poor quality grain to those who had to take whatever they could get. They had no "consumer defender" to take up their case.



**Flood Conditions Continue In Bangladesh**  
About two-thirds of the nation of Bangladesh remains underwater after floods have washed away crops and entire villages. Chip Kingery, Southern Baptist summer missionary to Bangladesh, reported that most believed it the worst of since 1954. Relief efforts of Southern Baptist missionaries include purchasing ducks and fish for food now and in the future, sinking tube wells for contaminated water and building houses. This year's rice harvest was washed away and next year's can't be planted until the waters recede. (Photo Chip Kingery).

## 'Glen Rose, Texas' Wins Eudora Welty Award

"Glen Rose, Texas," a documentary depicting the change and death of small towns has won the first annual Eudora Welty Americana Award from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.  
"Glen Rose" was produced by the commission for its "The Human Dimension" television series. The award is presented by Mississippians for Educational Television.

The panel of judges selecting "Glen Rose, Texas" for the honor include Nash Burger, former book editor of "The New York Times," Mrs. Mary Louise Aswell, retired literary editor of "Harper's Bazaar," and Curtis Davis, New York television producer who has received several Emmy Awards. Miss Welty, a charter member of the organization, was the final judge.  
"I'm told that all four judges

Agile Award from the Council for International Nontheatrical Events.  
The Eudora Welty Americana Award, national in scope, was created to recognize excellence and to encourage the production of programs dealing with American life; to focus attention on America, especially as it approaches its Bicentennial year, and to pay tribute to Miss Welty, Pulitzer Prize-winning author.  
The only other entry cited was that Television Station WAGA-TV 5 in Atlanta, Ga., which received an honorable mention for a documentary dealing with homicides in the ghetto.

## J. E. Wills, Revered Minister, Dies In Newton At The Age Of 95

Death claimed Rev. James Edward Wills, retired Baptist preacher, at Newton Hospital on Oct. 3, 1974. The 95-year-old preacher, teacher, missionary and honorable citizen, through his long years of selfless service, contributed to the scales in which he lived and influenced many individuals who benefited from his example and counseling.

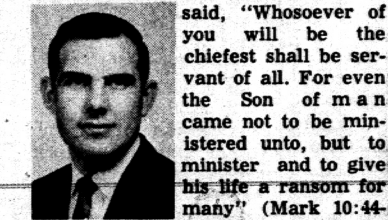
Born in Lincoln County July 2, 1879, the nonagenarian spent his life in Christian endeavor. He was ordained in 1896 at the age of 17, graduated from Mississippi College in 1904 and went on to secure a Master's degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. For six years, until his health was endangered, he was

a missionary in the Shanghai Dist., China. He held pastorates in Louisville, Hattiesburg and went to First Church, Newton, in 1929 where he was pastor for five years, and then served several other churches in the area.  
For 12 years Mr. Wills was a trustee of Mississippi College and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree there in 1946. From 1934 to 1944 he was on the Clarke College faculty.  
He leaves his wife, Mrs. Sophia Stark Wills, 104 Wills St., Newton; four sons, Dr. J. E. Wills Jr. of Asheville, N. C., Dr. John William Wills of Long Beach, Calif., Joseph S. Wills of Newton, and Robert J. Wills of Clinton; a daughter, Mrs. James H. Smith (Mary) of Sardis; and nine grandchildren.  
His funeral was at Webb Chapel Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. Rev. C. Z. Holland of Clinton, who followed Mr. Wills at First Church, Newton, delivered a moving eulogy quoting sage sayings of the revered minister.  
Others participating were Rev. H. B. Denham Jr., First, Newton, pastor, Dr. W. L. Compere, president of Clarke College, and Dr. John E. Barnes, pastor of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, of which Mr. Wills was the last living former pastor. Burial followed in the Masonic Cemetery.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Paul: A Noble Example For Ministering

By Bill Duncan  
**II Corinthians 3:14-15**  
The term, minister, is becoming so professional. Everyone is using the title, minister, to mean those paid to serve. Yet this is such a good term to describe a Christian. Jesus said, "Whoever of you will be the chiefest shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:44-45). By his self-denying solicitude for others he dignified the idea of service and provide a pattern for his disciples to follow. They became ministers in Christ's name. The tragedy is that not all who carry the name Christian have discovered what a minister is.



Man loves to exercise dominion and authority over others. It is hard for the best of men to have power and not be puffed up by it. To minister, as a servant of Jesus Christ, necessitates humility instead of self-exaltation, and unrewarded usefulness instead of self-glorification. To minister involves willingness to do lowliest deeds for the benefit of others, yielding one's self to them, and trying to seek their highest good.  
The great men and women are those who minister in humility and usefulness to their fellowmen. Daily, men and women who do great deeds and speak great words are unnoticed by the world but not by God.  
Paul was an example of a great minister. He has been lifted up among men as the greatest Christian ever to live. Why? Not just because he wrote books of the Bible. He was a great man in service to his fellow-

and aware of the imperative to proclaim. The gospel may be proclaimed by contacts, visits, talks or by the way one lives.

No one can read the New Testament without being impressed with the way Paul proclaimed. In Corinthians 3:4-18, Paul used this passage to introduce Jesus Christ as the new covenant that brought life to believers. The old covenant was dead because it produced a legal relationship with God. From the experience as a Pharisee he could speak from his life of frustration. The new covenant made a new person through the power of the Spirit.

As an example of proclamation, let us see how Paul took a story from the Word (Old Testament) and made application for the Corinthians. Moses put a veil on his face so that the Israelites could not see the divine splendor disappearing from his countenance. Paul used this story to illustrate how the law fades away. The veil could have spoken of the legalism getting in one's way from a face to face encounter between God and man. Paul used this opportunity to show how there is no veil today—so that we should display the power of God.  
The gospel was truly proclaimed

by Paul through his life and words as he ministered among people. A minister would never be a minister if he did not share Jesus Christ his Lord.

**CARE**  
Paul really cared about the church at Corinth. He was sensitive to human needs. His actions proved to be a good example for all of us. A minister who is of any value to Jesus Christ cares what happens to people. Man's chief expressions of care are concern and involvement. Care is not evident until it involves the use of one's resources to bring help to another. Time is a valuable resource that enables a person to think through a problem.  
C. W. Brister has a wonderful book, *People Who Care*, in which he says, "Some people evade their religious obligations by paying a trained minister to express compassion to others for them. Yet, the minister cannot do it for you or me since Christianity is a profoundly personal affair."  
Any person who cares enough to show love and compassion will be used by God as a minister. The im-

age of a caring pastor, caring deacons, and a caring church will do much to teach people how to minister.

**LEAD**  
A good leader is effective as a minister when he multiplies his skills in others. This of course is still in the context of the church. Paul was pleased that the Corinthians had become living epistles of letters of recommendation of his work and ministry. Every one of them was an advertisement for Christ and Christianity.

Some people see the leader as one who pounds his fist on the desk to give emphasis to his words. Power is not always a characteristic of leadership.

Trust is a characteristic of effective leadership. Those who would minister must be allowed even to fail. Trusting leadership is aware that experiences of failure can be laboratories for learning.

All ministers should show exemplary leadership as a personal model like Paul.

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PROVIDENCE CHURCH recently celebrated retirement of debt for construction of its activities building with a note burning ceremony. The building was paid for within two years of its dedication. Those participating in the ceremony are (left to right) J. D. Sims, treasurer; Ford Bryant, chairman of deacons; A. W. Humphries, chairman of building committee; and Dr. Jerry Oswalt, interim pastor.

## Devotional

### This May Be The Dawning Of That Day

By Gail W. DeBord, Pastor, First, Long Beach

"The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

One evening when I was turkey hunting in the swamp, darkness fell and I was caught in the black of the night still hunting my way out. Going in circles, I almost fell victim to panic. And then I remembered a trick taught me by an old-timer. I held my shotgun barrel up before my face and walked around my gun. On the west side of the barrel was a beautiful streak of light, and I followed the right direction to the hill.

If you will hold your spirit up to God you can see the light of life. As long as there is God and as long as I have a spirit, there is hope for today and hope for tomorrow.

One of the worst things that can happen to a person is to lose hope or to live without grand expectations. Why? Because expectation gives zest to life. Paul said, the future is bright, man; get in it!

Secondly, expectation leads to discovery. Those who look—who search—are those who find.

Thirdly, expectation is the motivation to bring about a better world. If we don't believe there is any possibility of improvement in the condition of life, we won't attempt to set it right. However dark it may be, we must hope that this is the dawning of a new day.

Finally, expectation qualifies you to help someone else. With faith in God, Paul told the crew of a ship tossed at sea that there was hope because "I believe God" (Acts 27:25).

I used to call hogs in Missouri. There are two things about hog calling: (1) you have to have enough volume to reach the hogs, and (2) you have to have enough appeal in your voice to make the hogs think you have what they want.

Right here is one of the secrets of the power of the early church. In that dark and desperate day of history the church lived in the expectation that the Lord was coming again. And they shouted to the world that this may be the dawning of that day!

## Revival Dates

First Church, Bayle: October 27 - November 1; Rev. Jack Moore, pastor of Ruleville Church, evangelist; Jimmy Smith, music director at Ruleville Church, singer; Rev. Ernest Sadler, pastor.

Mt. Gilead Church, Route 10, Meridian: Oct. 27-31; Lamar Duke of Kentwood, La., evangelist; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and nightly at 7:15; Rev. Roy A. Sanford, pastor.

Meadow Brook (DeSoto): October 28-Nov. 3; Rev. Ervin Brown, DeSoto superintendent of missions, evangelist; Lemoyne Brigrance of First, Olive Branch, singer; special music and regular services on Sunday; during week at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Alvin Kitchen, pastor.

First, Mathiston: October 27-31; Rev. Artie E. Nute, pastor of Rena Lara Church, evangelist; J. B. Betts of Southaven, evangelistic singer; Rev. Marvin D. Bibb, pastor; services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

First, Lumberton: October 27-Nov. 3; Rev. Joe H. Royalty, evangelist; Tom Larrimore of Jackson, music evangelist; Ann Marie Fairchild, ventriloquist, with her companion Jackie; services Monday - Friday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. David Strebeck, pastor.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

Lake Harbor Church (Rankin): September 29-Oct. 5; six for baptism; Rev. Guy McGee, new pastor, who moved to the church field in August, evangelist; Darrell Tate, minister of music in Vicksburg, singer.

You should learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make all of them yourself.

## Names In The News

Jerry Walker, pictured, began his services as minister of music and youth at Temple Church, Memphis, Tenn., on October 7. He went there from Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, Tenn., where he was minister of music, education, and youth. Mr. Walker graduated from USM and spent two years as a lieutenant in the Army before entering Southwestern Seminary. He received both Master of Religious Education and Master of Church Music degrees from the latter. A native of Mississippi, he is married to the former Elizabeth Owens of Oklahoma City and is the father of a 19-month-old daughter, Alyson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Walker of Biloxi and has one sister, Mrs. Roger E. Johnson, Jr., who lives in Hattiesburg.



Garry D. Meador has been called to serve the Indian Springs Church, Laurel, as music-youth director. He has served other churches in Jones County and previously in the Indian Springs Church, which is his home church, on an interim basis. He holds the Master's Degree in Music Education from U.S.M., and was high school band director for several years. The new director is married to the former Mary Jo Evans, and they are the parents of two sons; Kevin 6, and Eric 3. Mr. Meador was also ordained recently as a deacon. Mrs. Meador serves as church pianist and preschool director for the Sunday school. Rev. Wade Allen is pastor of the Indian Springs Church.

Presenting the semi-annual Missionary Day address at New Orleans Seminary on Oct. 31 will be Dr. James M. Young, physician-missionary to Yemen. He will speak at 10 a.m. in Leavell Chapel on the seminary campus. Dr. Young, who was appointed in 1954, has served at the Jibla Baptist Hospital in Yemen since 1964. He previously worked at the Baptist Hospital in Gaza, from 1955 to 1964.



## Family Night At Lowrey Memorial

Mrs. Nolen Newcomb, center, Blue Mountain, social chairman of Lowrey Memorial Church, assists two Blue Mountain College students with getting ready for the Harvest Season Feast. Gladly getting ready are Bonita Barton, left, and Debbie McCarty, both of Pontotoc. This Family Night feast and friendship are highlights of each session at BMC. Local families eat with their adopted student "daughters."

Dick Brogan, Director of Cooperative Ministries With National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has been selected to appear in the 1975 editions of Who's Who in Religion and Personalities of the South.



Chosen the first recipient of the Roberta Thompson Holloway scholarship in English at William Carey College is Dinah Fa'Ve Harvell, at left above. She being congratulated by English department chairman, Dr. J. V. McCrory. Mrs. Harvell is a senior English major from Thomasville, Alabama. The scholarship was established for Carey through the Mississippi Baptist Foundation by Mrs. Roberta Thompson Holloway, a 1926 graduate of William Carey (then Mississippi Woman's College.) Mrs. Harvell now resides in Staten Island, New York. (Photo by Ron Dyal)

Edward A. Cox of Pascagoula has accepted the call as minister of music and youth for Beulah Church, Rt. 1, Opp, Al. Rev. Robert L. Davis, pastor. Both are students at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. Cox is an infantry veteran of Vietnam with 11 months combat duty. Not married, he lives in the BBI dormitory during week days.

William Carey College alumna, Air Force Captain Carl D. Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hartman of 1138 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, N. M., is chief of the communications operations branch of the 187th Communications Squadron. He is assigned to Holloman AFB, N. M., for duty with a unit of the Air Force Communications Service. Previously assigned at U-Tapao Airfield, Thailand, he is a 1963 graduate of Fortier High School. He received a B. S. degree in mathematics in 1969 from William Carey College, and was commissioned in 1970 through Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Tex. His wife, Melanee, also a William Carey College graduate, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Griffith of 1429 Claiborne Ave., Shreveport, La.

## Child Care Services Help Mend Broken Families

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is only a "home" for most of the children for a little more than two years. The average stay in child care is only 27 months.

The philosophy is that whenever possible it is best for the child to restore him to his family. The purpose of the whole program is to put broken families back together again," said McLendon.

Another population notion, also untrue, is the Charles Dickens image of an orphanage: a cluster of red-brick buildings, complete with high walls and drab uniforms.

There are no ragged kids or armed guards. In fact, there are no dormitories or cavernous dining halls. The cottage approach, as opposed to the dormitory approach, is the trend in child care services.

In this respect, the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes are regarded nationally as among the best in child care institutions. The homes have a reputation for providing quality services and for keeping pace with the times.

The children, ranging from grades one through twelve, live in family type accommodations. A typical family cottage includes eight to twelve children (two to a bedroom), houseparents and their children, and in most cases, a dietician.

The houseparents' "father" usually has a job outside the home, often employed on campus by the children's homes.

The "mother" does exactly what most other mothers do: clean the house, do the laundry, help with the homework, put on band-aids, and make the kids go to bed at night.

All the houseparents have one essential characteristic: flexibility. Most are parents themselves. Other essential qualities are emotional stability/Christian character and compassion.

The cottage dietician cooks one main meal a day — supper during the school year and lunch in the summer months. Some cottages are given a food allowance with houseparents and children shopping together at the grocery store.

The younger children, below high school, get an allowance. The amount is earned by helping out around the house.

Ninth and tenth graders may also have an after school and weekend job.

The eleventh and twelfth graders work for their support. That is, they make enough money to buy their own clothes and other essentials. Some of them make enough to save for college or a car.

The children go to church as a "family" from each cottage. Since very few have church backgrounds, denominationalism is not a problem. They all go to the Baptist church and some of the children join the church.

The seven children's homes scattered across the state include a care and treatment center for emotionally disturbed children.

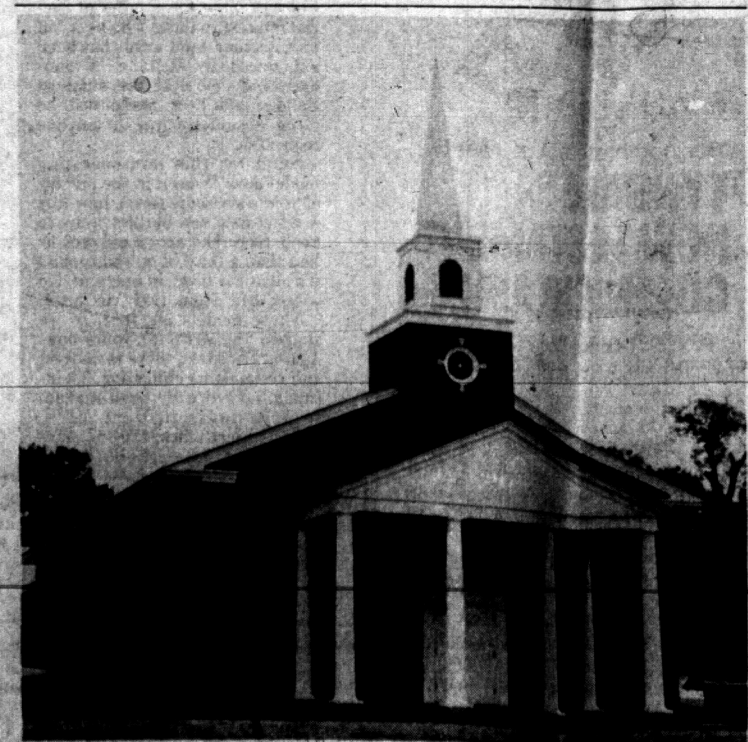
A home for unwed mothers is in Asheville, with services ranging from

basic medical care to counseling with the unwed father.

Besides on-campus services, there are 102 children in 46 foster homes, an in-family service for children not removed from home but in need of counseling, and emergency care of "crisis intervention" in two locations.

The kids in the children's homes, although far better off than dependent children 30 years ago, are still a long way from the ideal. Nothing takes the place of a well functioning, caring and loving family.

Communities and nations are built on good families. Child by child — not brick by brick — civilizations are held together. (BP) — Bill Boatwright is director of public relations for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. (Adapted from September, 1974 World Mission Journal.)



## Siloam (Clay) Celebrates 125th Year

There was excitement in the air and the weather was ideal for those who attended the 125th anniversary celebration of Siloam Church in Clay County on October 13. Rev. Joe Senter, pastor, introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Carey Cox, a former pastor there who is now executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. Mike Woodson led the choir in special music, accompanied by Mrs. Jay McKinney, organist, and Miss Pat Benson, pianist. Mrs. Pete Barkemeyer read the church history, covering events and happenings of the years 1849-1974. There were 118 present for Sunday School.

## Southside Sets Appreciation Day For Valentine

Southside Church of Jackson has set November 10 as S. V. Valentine Appreciation Day. This will be the last Sunday of Mr. Valentine's pastorate at the church before leaving for Anchorage, Alaska, where he will serve as pastor of the Calvary Church.

In addition to the regular services of the day, former members and friends are invited to have dinner at the church at the noon hour and to attend a reception in the Valentine's honor from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The long-time pastor of the Southside Church has been evangelist in revivals throughout the state. These friends of many years are especially invited to share in the closing days of Mr. Valentine's pastorate and be a part of the activities on November 10. Letters of appreciation and love are to be compiled in a book for presentation to the Valentines on this special day.

Members of the congregation extend a cordial welcome to all who would like to share this day with them. The church is located at 800 Raymond Road in the capital city.

If a child lives with honesty, he learns what truth is.

If a child lives with fairness, he learns what justice is.

If a child lives with godliness, he learns what salvation is.

## Blue Mountain To Present Soprano In Faculty Recital

The Department of Music of Blue Mountain College will present Nancy Ellis Robertson, soprano, in faculty voice recital on October 24, at 8 p.m. in Garrett Hall on the college campus. Mrs. Robertson has selected songs composed during the 19th and 20th centuries by Stefano Domady, Maurice Ravel, Joseph Marx and Samuel Barber.

Mrs. Robertson is beginning her tenth year as instructor in voice at Blue Mountain College. She is also director of the Blue Mountain College Singers who have made many appearances in churches in the area.

Edward Ludlow, Professor of Organ, will be at the piano for this recital. The public is invited.



## Northwest Hills: Attendance Record, Old-Fashioned Day

On Sunday Oct. 6, Northwest Hills, Jackson, celebrated her 8th birthday with an old-fashioned day. The largest Sunday School attendance in the church's history was recorded.

Above is a picture of the staff as they were dressed on this occasion. Left to right: Rev. Jasper Collins, associate pastor; E. C. Harpe, minister of music; and Rev. James R. Morgan, pastor.



## Hickory Honors Retiring Treasurer

Chairman of Deacons Roy White smiles the delight and happiness of the entire congregation of Hickory Church at a reception in which Miss Lula Everett was honored as retiring secretary-treasurer of the church. Miss Everett had served for almost seventeen years in the office. A silver tray, suitably engraved, was given the beloved lady.

## Bluff Springs Calls Tharp As New Pastor

Bluff Springs Church, Pike County, has called Rev. Donald Tharp as pastor. From Pearl (Rankin), Mr. Tharp is married to the former Brenda V. Alston of Pearl and they have three children.

He formerly served as pastor of churches in Mississippi, Texas, and Louisiana. He is a graduate of Clarke College and East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas.

## Off The Record

Wishing to test her children's powers of deduction, a teacher told them to write down what they would think if they went into a room and found cobwebs there. Each child in the class, except one, gave her the answer she had hoped for: that the room had not been dusted lately; that it had not been in use; that the person responsible was dirty and lazy. Jennifer's answer was sublime in its simplicity and refusal to jump to fanciful conclusions. She wrote: "A spider had been there."

On the back of a trailer..... truck: "Not so close — give us a brake." On the windshield of a small foreign car: "For sale or adoption." In a pawnshop window: "Signs—all signs." Over the door of an aquarium and bird pet shop: "Fish and cheeps." At a used car lot: "For Sale: Pre-Owned Automobiles." In an optometrist's office: "Examination while you wait." And in the window of an antique dealer: "We have a complete line of what you don't need."

Grandpa got on the big four-engine jet to take his first plane ride. When the motors roared, he gripped the arms of his seat in terror and closed his eyes. About ten minutes later he looked up and out of the window. He turned to the man beside him. "Just as I expected. The people down there look just like ants."

"They are ants," the man explained. "We're still sitting on the runway!"

"Now, Larry, the Sunday School teacher asked, 'who was the first man?'"

"George Washington," replied Larry.

"No, Larry," she said, "the first man was Adam."

"Oh," Larry said with a shrug, "I didn't know you meant foreigners."

"Mamma," said the little boy, "don't men ever go to heaven?"

"Why, of course, my dear. What makes you ask?"

"Because I never see any pictures of angels with whiskers."

"Well," said the mother, thoughtfully, "some men do go to heaven, but they get there by a close shave."